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What's all this talk about "Germany?" Germany was annihilated in 1945, its strong men killed, its women and children raped, its cities and towns obliterated by allied bombs. It was the most brutal massacre in human history, and Germany will never recover from it. In fact I don't think Europe itself will ever recover from what the allies did in WWII.

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Will GREATER ISRAEL-ERETZ ISRAEL emerge out of the ISIS ASHES thereby replacing the ASHES OF AUSCHWITZ?

— Fredrick Töben

Merkel rallies against 'monstrous' anti-Semitism in Germany
Chancellor says it is 'verging on a miracle' that well above 100,000 Jews live in her country today
By AP September 14, 2014, 9:46 pm



German Chancellor Angela Merkel delivers her speech at a rally against anti-Semitism near the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014. - photo credit: AP/Markus Schreiber

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel led a rally against anti-Semitism in Berlin on Sunday, telling several thousand people that Jewish life is part of Germany's identity and she wants to ensure that Jews feel safe here.

Germany's Jewish community organized the rally at the capital's Brandenburg Gate after tensions over the Gaza conflict spilled over into demonstrations in Europe that saw anti-Jewish slogans and violence.

President Joachim Gauck joined ministers and Germany's top Protestant and Catholic clerics at the event along with Muslim community leaders.

Jewish leader Dieter Graumann said the summer saw "the worst anti-Semitic slogans on German streets for many, many decades."

"We won't let ourselves be intimidated," he said. "But we would have liked a bit more empathy in the last few weeks. Many of us still come from Holocaust families ... how do you

think we feel when we hear on German streets today, 'Jews to the gas'?"

Merkel said it is "verging on a miracle that well above 100,000 Jews live in Germany today," seven decades after the Nazi Holocaust. After the end of World War II, only around 15,000 remained in Germany.

"It is a monstrous scandal that people in Germany today are being abused if they are somehow recognizable as Jews or if they stand up for the state of Israel," she said. "I will not accept that and we will not accept that."

Merkel said it pains her to hear of young Jewish parents asking whether they can raise their children in Germany or older people asking whether it was right to stay.

"We are making unmistakably clear with this rally that Jewish life belongs to us — it is part of our identity and culture," she said.

"We want Jews to feel safe in Germany," Merkel said. "They should feel that this country is our common home, in which they like all people who live here have a good future."

The president of the World Jewish Congress, Ronald Lauder, pointed to the danger from Islamic extremist and other anti-Semitic propaganda.

"Let us not allow this group of agitators to tear down 70 years of good work," he said.

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<http://www.timesofisrael.com/merkel-rallies-against-monstrous-anti-semitism-in-germany/>

THE PROPAGANDA NONSENSE CONTINUES – when will it end?

In *The Times*, 29 August 2001, Gitta Sereny is quoted as saying:

Auschwitz was not a death camp

View: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppvTIi5Q>

Former Nazi guard, 93, charged over 300,000 Auschwitz murders

September 16, 2014 - 8:46PM

A 93-year-old man German prosecutors said was a Waffen-SS volunteer at Auschwitz during World War II was charged with aiding in the murder of at least 300,000 people.



The main gate of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz I in Poland. Photo: AP

The man, who wasn't identified, disposed of the luggage of new prisoners left on train tracks at the concentration camp, Sabine Stuenkel, spokeswoman for Hanover prosecutors, said in an emailed statement.

The goal was to "hide traces of the mass murder for subsequent inmates," Stuenkel said.

"Above all, his task was to count banknotes taken from the luggage and transfer them to the SS's economy and administration agency in Berlin."

Last year, Germany's central Nazi crime investigation unit asked prosecutors around the country to investigate 30 former guards at Auschwitz.

The unit started looking into additional suspects after John Demjanjuk was sentenced to five years in prison in 2011 for aiding the Nazis in the murder of at least 28,000 Jews at the Sobibor death camp.

The man charged knew the inmates who were selected upon arrival and classified as "not capable of working,"

most of them Jews from Hungary, would be gassed, prosecutors claim.

The money he collected helped fund the Nazis and supported the systematic killings, Stuenkel said.

The Nazis killed an estimated six million Jews in death camps throughout Europe during the war. Auschwitz, in a part of Poland annexed by Germany, was the largest of the camps and became a symbol of the tragedy of the holocaust.



Children behind a barbed wire fence at the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz in southern Poland

Photo: Getty Images.

The Demjanjuk verdict triggered a new wave of investigations after the judges veered from previous cases that required proof of individual acts.

In Demjanjuk's case, the court said it was enough to show he worked at the camp where everyone was involved in the mass killings.

- Bloomberg

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/formernaziguard-93-charged-over-300000-auschwitzmurders-20140916-10hvhu.html>

Now recall where the call for continued persecution of German World War Two soldiers comes from – a professional Talmudic-inspired mindset. Will the Palestinians find a Zuroff equivalent or will they be exterminated as Greater Israel emerges out of the ISIS ashes?

The Hunt for Nazi Holocaust Criminals Must Go On, No Matter Their Age

By Dr. Efraim Zuroff, International Business Times, February 24, 2014 10:50 BST



The horrors of Auschwitz should never be forgotten Reuters

The arrest in Germany late last week of three men aged 88, 92 and 94, who served as guards at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp, has once again raised the issue of the ongoing prosecution of elderly Holocaust perpetrators, almost seven decades after the end of World War II.

In truth, the question is not really new and has been an issue for many years, since elderly Nazis and collaborators have been brought to justice ever since the war ended. What is new, however, is the age of the men currently in detention, as well as other Nazi war criminals who have been investigated and/or prosecuted during the past decade or so, who have been considerably older than those brought to justice in previous decades.

The reason for this is essentially biological and in that respect, the most dramatic development in "Nazi-hunting" has not been changes in legal systems, but rather the significant increase in life expectancy in the Western world, where the overwhelming majority of the surviving unprosecuted Nazi war criminals reside. Thus the moral, legal and philosophical arguments for continued prosecution remain the same, and can be summarised as follows:

Firstly, the passage of time in no way diminishes the guilt of the killers. If a person committed murder many years ago and has still not been held accountable, he or she is no less guilty today, just because many years have passed since the crime was committed.

Secondly, old age should not afford protection to murderers. Reaching an advanced age does not turn a murderer into a Righteous Among the Nations.

Thirdly, every one of the Nazis' victims deserves that an effort be made to find the person(s) who turned them - innocent men, women, and children - into victims just because they were arbitrarily classified as "enemies of the Reich."

Fourth, the ongoing efforts to bring Nazi war criminals to justice sends a powerful message, that if one commits such heinous crimes, even decades later the

search to hold such persons accountable continues. In this regard, the fact that so many of those who perpetrated the crimes of the Holocaust were able to escape punishment, only made it easier for subsequent tragedies to occur. It must be as clear as possible, that committing such crimes will almost certainly result in swift and severe punishment.



Barkmann, Becker, Klaff, Paradies and Steinhoff.

Dozens of former Nazis, including several women, have already been executed for their crimes.

Fifth, trials of Nazi war criminals continue to prove helpful in the fight against Holocaust denial and the recent efforts, primarily in post-Communist Eastern Europe, to rewrite the narrative of World War II to hide or minimise the role of local collaborators in Holocaust crimes, and promote the canard of equivalency between Communist crimes and those of the Nazis.

Finally, it must be noted that since its creation, international law has consistently rejected the "superior orders" defense, which has been used by so many Nazi war criminals, especially of middle and lower ranks who attempted to thereby absolve

themselves of any criminal responsibility for their crimes. All of these arguments continue to be as relevant today, as they have been for decades, but I would like to add two personal observations based on my thirty-three years of experience. Both deal with the emotional heart of this issue, which is the natural sympathy of the average viewer aroused by the sight of elderly defendants who usually try very hard (whether on their own initiative or at the advice of their attorneys) to appear in court as sick and frail as possible. In addition, I realise that many people assume that the passage of so much time since the crime, has led at least some of these criminals to regret their transgressions.

So I believe it is important to note that I have NEVER encountered a single Holocaust perpetrator who ever expressed any regret or remorse. If anything, just the opposite, they are still proud to this day of the crimes they committed, which many continue to portray as their "patriotic" duty. And that is why I continue time after time to remind the skeptics, that the criminals being brought to justice are the last people on earth who deserve any sympathy since they had no mercy

on their innocent victims, some of whom were even older than they are today.

So when you see one of these Auschwitz guards on TV in the coming weeks, don't be taken in by their frail, sickly appearance. Think of them as they were in the prime of their youth and physical strength, when they devoted all their energy to helping run the largest industrialised mass murder factory in the history of mankind.

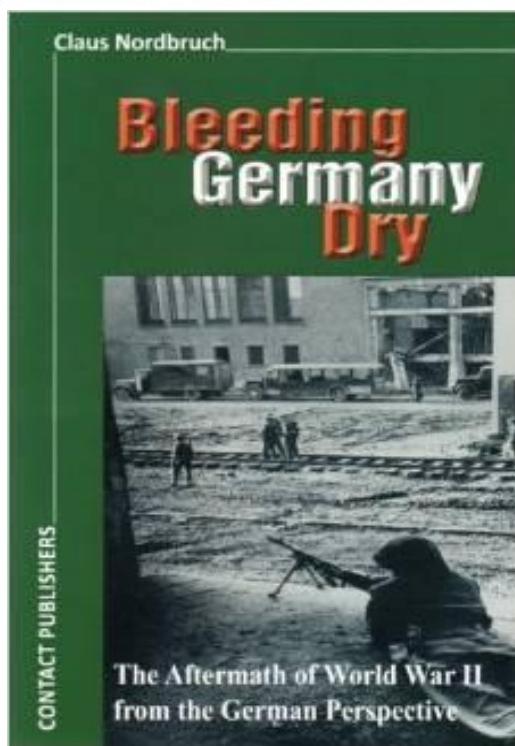
Dr. Efraim Zuroff is the chief Nazi-hunter of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the director of its Israel Office. His most recent book *Operation Last Chance; One Man's Quest to Bring Nazi Criminals to Justice* (Palgrave/Macmillan) chronicles the worldwide efforts to bring Nazi war criminals to justice over the past more than three decades.

The Center's special website for this issue is: www.operationlastchance.org and one can follow Dr. Zuroff on Facebook and Twitter (@EZuroff). Information on the worldwide activities of the Simon Wiesenthal Center can be viewed at www.wiesenthal.com <http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/hunt-nazi-holocaust-criminals-must-go-no-matter-their-age-1437664>

Fredrick Töben reviews

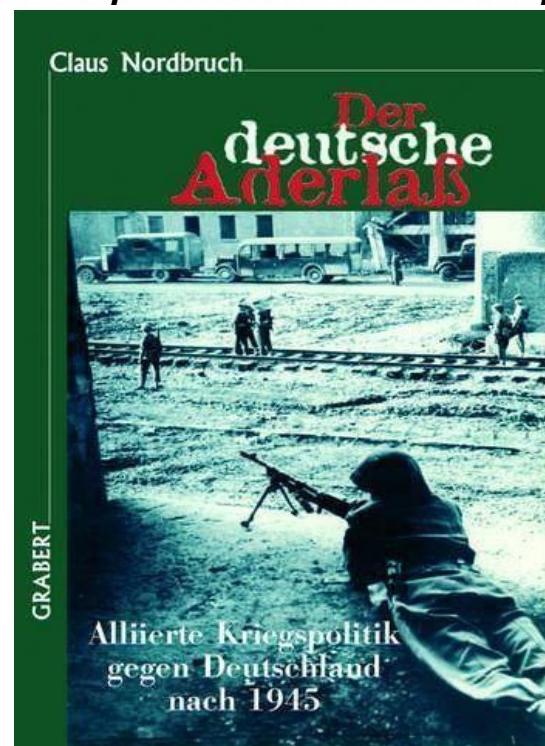
Claus Nordbruch's **Bleeding Germany Dry:**

**The Aftermath of World War II from the German Perspective
and The Case for Restitution to Germany and Compensation for German People**



Preliminary Comment by way of an introduction

A glance at the chapter headings creates the impression that it is indeed a miracle Germans still exist today and are living within a nation-state. Who would have thought after what the Germans went through before, during and after the war that their spirits would ever recover from such a devastation inflicted upon them? And the question arises why the Allies felt it necessary so resolutely to destroy



Germany. And yet, after three generations, it is again the powerhouse of Europe.

It is such reflections that accompany me as I begin to focus on reading Claus Nordbruch's book. Dare I hope that his narrative will provide some insights into what had upset the Allies so much that they felt obliged to attempt to exterminate the German mindset, to extinguish it from expressing itself in all fields of human endeavour?

After all, in *Tristan and Isolde* Richard Wagner had already universalised the Welt-Atem/World-Breath. Wagner had also found Friedrich Nietzsche's rationalism/atheism, and his personal hedonistic inversion, to be too limiting in exemplifying the eternal problem of transcendence, which for Wagner is represented by the World Ash Tree from which he snaps off a branch and hence causes the tree's ultimate death.

Wagner's basic theme of love versus power-law-freedom-redemption is beautifully portrayed in *Der Ring des Nibelungen* wherein, and under Ludwig Feuerbach's influence, regards love as a unity of the physical, mental and spiritual. Among most Germans this unity exists as folk wisdom but it was threatened by the rising atheistic-Talmudic-Marxist ideology, which itself has problems in coping with highly sophisticated cultural expressions of human endeavour. For example, this ideology aims to overcome our very human nature itself, and the natural process of achieving a balance between the male and female, is regarded as a natural state of affairs that has to be überwunden-overcome. This is because for Talmudic-Marxist ideologues any biological process, for example our sexuality, is regarded as a social construct and not as a biologically determined natural process.

This Talmudic/Marxist/Feminist attitude towards women is confronting for those who share the balanced perspective, and where such death-dialectic does not operate. We see the Talmudic rationale best expressed in the excesses of 18th century French Enlightenment, which in large measure today makes up the Human Rights ideology in most western "free and democratic" countries. I label such a mindset as beset with rational hubris – and I await, not gleefully however, when this mindset will exhaust itself so that its own internal logical inspirations will return to normalcy, back to natural processes.

Interestingly, on 1 September 2014 our national broadcaster, ABC-TV featured two members of the Russian band, *Pussy Riot*, who are attending the Sydney Festival of Dangerous Ideas. That Russian President Putin attempts to retain some modicum of public morality, and that he opposes the antics these girls engage in, is considered by the festival directors to be a human rights issue, an example of free expression suppression. Interestingly, our Human Rights Commissioner Tim Wilson does not regard the suppression of intellectual enquiry into matters Holocaust-Shoah, as is the case in most western democracies, as a violation of our human rights. The question is always: Cui Bono – and the answer indicates whose interests are here being legally protected.

I also saw this hypocritical mindset's emergence within the philosophical world as the East-West political divide still held sway over Germany during the 1970s. For example, at a philosophy department meeting, prospective individuals seeking a professorship gave their intellectual best to convince the Faculty members of their suitability. One lady offered the new Feminist cultural perspective, to which a gentleman responded by pointing out and directly asking: *What is the newness of your thesis that the Ancient Greeks did not raise?*

The mainly Marxist lefties howled him down. There was to be no debate about such matters, and this trend exists to the present in all western democracies where predatory capitalism and consumerism, driven by the economic imperative of growth-growth-growth, can only answer the question of price but not the normative question of value!

During my 1970s student days in Germany the University of Heidelberg organized for its foreign students a week's trip to West Berlin for just, I think it was DM50. Our West German academic tour guides attempted to entice us to celebrate the German Democratic Republic, especially when we boarded a bus that took us for a day trip into East Berlin. A couple of Palestinian students loved East Germany, but they saw themselves luckier than those Palestinians who were studying and living in East Germany.

I recall within the foreign students' I was not popular with those who had politically left leanings and who praised the East German state for its socialistic purity. I pointed out that if East Germany is so good, then why not just open the borders and see what will be the people's choice.

Upon reflection, I can see now how both German states were manipulated by the Allies and their lies, i.e. that the East-West divide is fundamental in retaining world peace. Once the economic bankruptcy of Marxism, physically and intellectually could no longer be hidden from view, the ideology was allowed to disappear!

And then a new divide was created, the 9/11 TERRORISM, which has become a global phenomenon driving especially the western democratic political aspirations.

Now to Claus Nordbruch's book, which fills in the precursors to what we are currently experiencing on the world stage of politics – from the German perspective.

FORM

This English translation is based on Claus Nordbruch's 2003 published book, second edition, which this year, 2014, appears in its third enlarged edition. Note in the German title the word **Aderlaß** uses the sharp **B** instead of two **ss**; the use of the latter is hated by the re-educated Germans.

From the outset it can be assumed that the contents of this book will not please those who were involved in plundering and enslaving the Germans, physically and mentally, after they lost World War Two and who were then silly enough to enter into an unconditional surrender pact with the Allies. But more of that presently.

As an historian, Claus Nordbruch is aware of the severe social, professional and legal penalties that await him were he to venture deeply into the overarching narrative of German war guilt as exemplified by the Holocaust-Shoah, for example. In this respect, therefore, Nordbruch is one of the few German-born Revisionist historians who has succeeded in being a financially independent researcher not attached to a university where compliance to the Holocaust-Shoah dogma is obligatory. I thus assume that I will not find anything of a contentious Holocaust-Shoah nature within this 560-page book.

This hard cover book is printed in Germany and published by Contact Publishers, PO Box 7174, Pretoria

0001, South Africa – pretoriapublishers@gmail.com; ISBN 978-0-9584313-4-7. The translators are E M Parker, R M Neuville and J M Damon, and they have done a splendid job in this unenviable task of capturing Nordbruch's subtle manoeuvrings through the legal minefield that confronts any German who is still guided by ethical standards to writer honestly about pre- and post-World War Two events.

Nordbruch writes that his book is **Dedicated to the women and girls of Germany**.

The table of **Contents** also has an unusual feature, which I have not seen before but which makes good sense; it lists the page numbers on the left side of the page rather than the usual right side.

There is **A word of thanks**, an **Introduction**, followed by 11 **Chapters**, two pages of **Abbreviations**, a 20-page **Bibliography**, a 19-page **Index of Names**, and 636 **Footnotes**.

CONTENT

Nordbruch claims that he had a poor response from all German newspapers in getting his appeal for information publicised and only the *Magdeburger Volksstimme* published it in the form of a letter to the editor. However, a number of government agencies and universities did open their archives to him. Despite the limited public response, however, what information he did receive indicates that there is indeed a great desire for Germans to have this historical knowledge published. That the German version of the book is in its third print-run attests to that.

And in his *Introduction*, Nordbruch dismisses the claim that his attempt to put the German side requires him also to put "the other side" because Germans have been fed and are still being constantly fed "the other side". He goes further and calls it "brainwashing" of Germans socially, culturally, religiously and politically, and his task is to "unmasking their underlying bias and duplicity". Quoting the principle generated by Norman Finkelstein's book, *The Holocaust Industry*, Nordbruch points out that such reparation "industry" makes a mockery of legitimate claims that Germany and Austria has met, and hence his aim is to make out the claim that it is now time for Germany to make reparation claims for itself. He quotes William Niederrland's 1964 developed "Survivor Syndrome" that manifests itself in the psychological form of depression, inner survival guilt complex and anxiety, and such psychological disorders will then express themselves physiologically as stomach, colon, heart, vascular, etc. disorders.

Nordbruch concludes that if this survivor analysis is correct, then it must also apply universally, and hence also specifically to the "tormented souls", the German people who suffered as slave labourers and all those who lost their HEIMAT, Königsberg, for example, which had been German for over 700 years. That was Ethnic cleansing on a massive scale, or as Gunnar Heinsohn put it:

The greatest crime of expulsion in history.

[As a personal aside, when in 2004 I visited Königsberg, now Kaliningrad, I met a German woman who had just re-visited her home, and which was now occupied by a Russian family. They asked her whether she would like to buy the home because after the Soviet Union's demise on 26 December 1991 the Ruble

crashed and the basic pension did not enable them to survive in Kaliningrad. She responded by asking the Russian family why she, as a German, should have to pay for having her own home returned to her. Another tragedy was seeing an elderly man, who I was advised, returned to a city hotel every year for four weeks, then had a different young girl for the night during that time. I asked him why he was doing this and he, in his month-long drunken-sober stupor, said he simply wanted to be at home where he grew up.] The issue of forced "NS-forced labour", as written about by Ulrich Herbert, Nordbruch claims, is full of distortions and suffers from the "obligatory self-accusation":

The National Socialist use of foreign labour between 1939 and 1945 represents the biggest case in history of foreign workers being used as forced on a massive scale since the end of slavery in the nineteenth century. ... 7.6 million foreign civilian workers and prisoners of war ... brought to the Reich to work against their will.

Nordbruch concludes that this is just factually wrong and pure political propaganda. Likewise, the claim that scientific research languished under the National Socialists is refuted by the number of abductions of scientists made by the victors after the war. It is also untrue to say the intellectual elite abandoned the Third Reich, and this was confirmed to me by none other than Werner Heisenberg when I visited him in 1996.

Nordbruch, as an ex-soldier, knows well what Article 35 of the Hague Land Warfare Convention means to soldiers:

Capitulation agreed upon between the Contracting Parties must take into account the rules of military honour...

An education film designed for the US troops in 1945 states:

There must be no fraternization. Fraternization means forming friendships. The Germans are not our friends. They will not be allowed to return to the family of civilized nations by simply extending their hand and saying: "We are sorry." – They are not sorry they started the war. They are only sorry to have lost the war.

He also quotes Hans Werner Woltersdorf on the biggest pillaging operation in history, the 'Reparations' for the Allies:

When even the Americans themselves admit that the biggest intellectual booty in the history of the world had saved them at least ten whole years of developing work, then one needs to add to this those factors, which are often more important than any of the technical realizations, namely; Every development or invention is preceded by the idea and the objective or the aim.

Nordbruch concludes his book by quoting Dr Gert Sudholt's words of 1985:

Let us acknowledge and recognize the capitulation of the Wehrmacht also as the duty and obligation to finally overcome this divisive factor that separates us. Let us fight, with arms linked as one body, for German self-awareness [i.e. being mindful of our roots of Germandom], for German liberty and freedom, and for German sovereignty. To find the resolve and the will, at long last, to pluck up courage finally for the saving

deed that can overcome the German need and the German distress, which cry to heaven to this day. And quoting former Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, in a 1983 newspaper interview:

Without dreams and a little piece of Utopia, politics as such is meaningless and empty.

Conclusion

The book thus deals in detail how German normalcy needs to be restored, and that "This apathetic attitude of the people is often falsely presented by the media as 'democratic maturity', and misinterpreted by reactionary politician as the "will of the people'.

Germany can be free, if Germany wants to be free! And with this will-to-be-free, the heart of Europe will keep on beating.

And that is a comment which directs our attention to those thinkers, such as Oswald Spengler, who have predicted the *Untergang des Abendlandes-The Decline of the West/The Downfall of the Occident*. Nordbruch certainly does not share such bleak predictions as Spengler made out in 1926. But Nordbruch predicts that the nation state will not whither in face of the internationalist/globalist corporate state. I hope he is right on that point.

The Occidental Observer

Disconnect between elites and the rest in Germany: Is it legitimate to criticize diaspora Jews for the behavior of Israel?

[Kevin MacDonald](#) on September 15, 2014 — [Leave a Comment](#)

The World Jewish Congress expressed its displeasure at the turnout for a demonstration against anti-Semitism in Germany thusly:

Germany's entire political elite has gathered in Berlin to demonstrate against anti-Semitism. The protest adds 6,000 people to the campaign. But it is far from enough, says DW's Editor-in-Chief Alexander Kudascheff.

It is a clear signal — 6,000 people have gathered in Berlin to protest against anti-Semitism. Only 6,000. No more.

In 1992, over one million Germans held candle-light vigils in cities, villages and communities across the country to speak out against racism. That was at a time when right-wing hate was countered with demonstrative and imposing force.

But this time, 6,000 people have spoken out. That includes Germany's entire political elite. The president. The chancellor. Ministers. Unionists. The Protestant and Catholic churches. They all gathered on Sunday to make a clear statement against anti-Semitism — upon invitation from the Central Council of Jews in Germany, since no initiative came from within society, from within Germany itself. That is quite disgraceful, as is the small number of participants.

This disconnect between elites and everyone else is likely a real problem for Jews throughout the West and increasingly so. Jewish influence has always been a top-down phenomenon. Jews as an elite throughout the West have a strong track record of being able to dominate elite discourse by eliminating or marginalizing media figures or politicians who call attention to Jewish power or are critical of Jewish power or Israel (see below). One gets the impression that it was de rigueur for German elites to show up for the demonstration and that any no-shows would be in danger of their political lives. But one has the feeling that no one's heart is in it, least of all for the great mass of people who stayed away.

Obviously, this calls for a totalitarian solution in which crowds are rounded up and ordered to be enthusiastic on pain of dire consequences!

The problem is that the organized Jewish community presents itself as the ultimate victim at the same time that Israel's brutality toward the Palestinians is there for everyone to see. The statement continues:

It is undeniable that there is a discrepancy in how Jews are perceived, especially in what people think of Israel. The German public has become distinctly more critical of Israel than the government. And behind this legitimate critical view of Israel, there are still archaic anti-Semitic resentments lurking — displayed on the streets by Muslim immigrants, spread on the Internet by "normal" Germans at the center of German society.

Again the disconnect between elites (the government) and the rest of the population. The strategy pursued by the organized Jewish community is to acknowledge that it is reasonable to criticize Israel while demanding that Israeli behavior have no effect on how Germans and others see diaspora Jews.

There is a certain logic to this, since not all Jews support the Israel Lobby or Israeli behavior. But it perhaps asking too much to expect people make such distinctions when the pro-Israel faction has such a dominant stature among diaspora Jews and is so powerful in influencing government policy toward Israel and the rest of the Middle East.

Another recent example that raises this issue is the [resignation](#) of Bruce Shipman as Yale Episcopal Chaplain. Shipman wrote the following [letter](#) in response to an op-ed written by that paragon of balance and probity, Deborah Lipstadt whose article was deemed worthy of appearing in the New York Times:

Deborah E. Lipstadt makes far too little of the relationship between Israel's policies in the West Bank and Gaza and growing anti-Semitism in Europe and beyond.

The trend to which she alludes parallels the carnage in Gaza over the last five years, not to mention the perpetually stalled peace talks and the continuing occupation of the West Bank.

As hope for a two-state solution fades and Palestinian casualties continue to mount, the best antidote to anti-Semitism would be for Israel's patrons abroad to press the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for final-status resolution to the Palestinian question.

(Rev.) BRUCE M. SHIPMAN

Groton, Conn., Aug. 21, 2014

The writer is the Episcopal chaplain at Yale.

Shipman's sin was not only to suppose that Israeli behavior has something to do with rising anti-Semitism in "Europe and beyond," but to imply that such a linkage was rational. Notice that Shipman restricted his comments to diaspora Jews who are enabling and approving Israeli behavior — "Israel's patrons." Certainly it's reasonable to oppose these enablers, and he did not mention all Jews.

No matter. Despite some groveling, he was forced out of his position, yet another casualty of the scorched earth policy of removing critics of Israel from elite institutions.

(It's not that long ago that Yale was a stronghold of the American Protestant elite, but now an Episcopal minister is purged because he offended the Jews by making reasonable statements implying a connection between some American Jews and Israeli behavior.)

So we should add one another must-believe fiction to the many others that are articles of faith in the West on pain of severe sanctions (such as the ADL's slogan: "[diversity is our strength](#)" [n.b., applicable only to the West and certainly not Israel]): There is absolutely no connection between diaspora Jews and the behavior of the Israeli government, and anyone who makes any connection between diaspora Jews and the behavior of the Israeli government is guilty of the crime of anti-Semitism.

Believe it, or else.

Comments

10 Comments to "Disconnect between elites and the rest in Germany: Is it legitimate to criticize diaspora Jews for the behavior of Israel?"

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1. Karlfried September 17, 2014 - 12:17 am | [Permalink](#)

Guillaume Durocher, you give a good description of the situation in Germany. This "reeducation" of the German people has started in May 1945 and it is going on and on all the time. For decades the whole political class as well as school education, television and press all the time go for multikulti is good, let the foreigners from Turkey, Arabia and Black Africa come in by the millions. That is a really crazy situation. Some German Chancellors wanted to stop or limit the mass invasion of Turks and others. The first was our Chancellor Adenauer around 1960. But his resistance was overcome by the US-Government, so Germany as an occupied country (occupied up to now by Americans, Brits and up to the 1990ies by the Russians also) was forced to obey to its own disadvantage. Later Chancellor Schmidt and the Unions (because of lowering the wages and job opportunities by the foreigners for the German workers) wanted to get rid of them, but he did not succeed either. In the following decades the resistance was smaller. But none the less, the story has not come to an end yet. If you come to Germany you can see that many Germans live quite normal and that they privately do not buy that multikultireligion. That small special interest group that has the power to make the peak of the German Government come to their "demonstration" has demonstrated two things: They have the power to make the German Government come and give a speech to their favour if they call them. But also they have shown, that they only have 6.000 supporters who come if they call them to come. In part, this reflects the fact that their overall number in Germany is very small. Thank you Kevin Mac Donald for bringing this things to the public in the Occidental Observer

2. LKM September 16, 2014 - 11:16 pm | [Permalink](#)

You'd think it would be enough that the German taxpayer has pocketed the cost of (according to Wikipedia) about a third of Israel's submarine force. Of course, it's not as though American taxpayers have heard any "thank yous" recently.

3. Hadrian September 16, 2014 - 10:57 pm | [Permalink](#)

What's all this talk about "Germany?" Germany was annihilated in 1945, its strong men killed, its women and children raped, its cities and towns obliterated by allied bombs. It was the most brutal massacre in human history, and Germany will never recover from it. In fact I don't Europe itself will ever recover from what the allies did in WWII.

4. bjsquib September 16, 2014 - 9:07 am | [Permalink](#)

By the way, you should mention that the bolded quote comes from the DW Editor in Chief, not from WJC.

5. bjsquib September 16, 2014 - 9:01 am | [Permalink](#)

I wonder how powerful Jews are in places like Germany/France/Sweden/Denmark when it comes to Arab immigration. Maybe the thinking goes like this: "So Jews put the kibosh on criticizing Muslim immigration, then the Muslims turn around and target Jews, and Jews demand denunciations of anti-Semitism? Sure thing, we're against anti-Semitism. But the real problem here is Muslims, and mentioning that is verboten, so good luck with your rally. What comes around goes around."

6. Pat Kittle September 16, 2014 - 4:42 am | [Permalink](#)

Zionism's war crimes exceed anything in history, and they aren't done yet.

7. Guillaume Durocher September 16, 2014 - 3:20 am | [Permalink](#)

"Germany's entire political elite has gathered in Berlin to demonstrate against anti-Semitism. The protest adds 6,000 people to the campaign. But it is far from enough, says DW's Editor-in-Chief Alexander Kudascheff."

The German journalistic class is kind of funny for an outside observer. They really do think of themselves as having a sacred duty to be at war with the Right and ethnic German interests, to be propagandists and censors for political correctness, and generally to reeducate the masses for the sins of the Third Reich. I recall an event I was at where the head of the German journalists' trade union explained that the role of the journalist was to fight Right-wing ideas.. Simultaneously so narrow-minded and self-righteous, one thinks of a stunted priesthood. Unlike the American South, which kept its self-respect and sense of a just cause after the Civil War, Germany is in a sense at war with its own history, at war with itself.

The Shipman incident is the kind of event which turned Dieudonné into an anti-Zionist. By this weird logic critics of Zionism, and implicitly of the elite over-representation and hypocritical ethnocentrism of diaspora Jews, seem to be slowly being purged from Western elites generally.

8. Facio Libre September 16, 2014 - 12:20 am | [Permalink](#)

"Diversity is our strength" is a code phrase for "diversity in white countries is Jewish strength"

9. Jett Rucker September 15, 2014 - 10:54 pm | [Permalink](#)

Perhaps it requires Palestine/Gaza to wake Germans up to the control of their country/government by Jews.

It would be a familiar feeling to their Weimar-era grandparents, practically all dead today.

10. Fredrick Toben September 15, 2014 - 10:15 pm | [Permalink](#)

Can it be true that it was exactly 6,000?

Just asking.

<http://www.theoccidentalobserver.net/2014/09/disconnect-between-elites-and-the-rest-in-germany-is-it-legitimate-to-criticize-diaspora-jews-for-the-behavior-of-israel/#comment-207289>

Fredrick Töben says:

Let's have another brief look at David Cole's book critique

For some time now I have received emails wherein individuals have been celebrating the blogging insights of Paul Eisen who prides himself in calling himself a "Holocaust Denier". ReportersNotebook@yahoogroups.com, for example, sent through Eisen's latest missive:

From: Paul Eisen paul.eisen@hotmail.co.uk

Date: Mon, Sep 8, 2014 at 3:21 PM

Review of David Cole's 'Republican Party Animal' by Chip Smith

This is a review of David Cole's book "Republican Party Animal" from the excellent revisionist website [Inconvenient History](#). It's by Chip Smith who runs the publishing house [Nine-Banded Books](#)

It was Chip who published Samuel Crowell's "The Gas Chamber of Sherlock Holmes: And Other Writings on the Holocaust, Revisionism, and Historical Understanding" a text which more than any other changed me forever on the Holocaust. If you haven't

read it, you should and if you haven't visited [Nine-Banded Books](#), you should do that too.

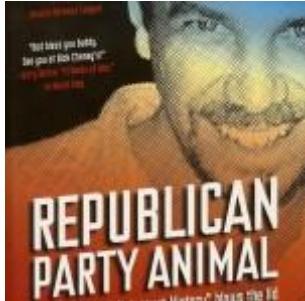
David Cole's book and David himself have caused a lot of controversy and both have received fulsome praise and scathing criticism all of which makes me all the more appreciative of this beautifully balanced review.

<http://pauleisen.blogspot.co.uk/2014/09/review-of-david-coles-republican-party.html>

After reading Smiths review I was about to respond to Paul Eisen's laudatory comment about publisher Chip Smith's **beautifully balanced review** of Cole's book when, on 13 September 2014, Michael Hoffman's letter appeared on *Inconvenient History*'s website, which I also read:

Hoffman on Republican Party Animal Review

By Michael Hoffman



David Cole – a revisionist for the Millennial generation"

I managed to find the time to read the well-written and generally fair-minded review of David Cole's autobiography. I realize you do not publish letters to the editor, but a few corrections are in order.

While it is true that many revisionists do not engage in on site forensic investigation, the pioneer in that field is Ditleb Felderer, who visited Auschwitz-Birkenau some 27 times in the 1970s, expertly documenting the facility in approximately 30,000 color photographs. The fact that this achievement is unknown or forgotten is troubling (most of Felderer's priceless collection was, I am told, destroyed in the arson which razed Ernst Zündel's home in Toronto in 1995. My video of a sideshow presentation Ditleb gave in Ithaca, NY in the mid 1980s – "Tour of Auschwitz Fakes" – offers several dozen for viewing).

Moreover, it is news to me that Mr Cole inherited ADL double-agent David McCalden's "files." If David Cole read "everything," then, unless the files had been sanitized by a 3rd party before conveying them to Cole, Mr Cole should have come across evidence of McCalden's double-dealing (for the record, Mr. McCalden was not an Irish nationalist, he was a Scotch-Irish, Ulster "Orangemen," very much opposed to the IRA and other armed manifestations of Irish nationalism). Cole demonstrates affection for Ernst Zündel as a likable nincompoop. Such an opinion overlooks or discounts this writer's book-length account (*The Great Holocaust Trial*), of the highly organized and brilliantly orchestrated first Zündel

trial in Toronto in 1985, where Canada's national media, with whom I shared the press gallery, were shocked and disoriented by the defense which Ernst, Doug Christie and Robert Faurisson were able to mount; including having, for the first time in recorded history, the testimony of "infallible" Survivors and august "Holocaust" historian Raul Hilberg publicly shredded in a court of law. Mr. Zündel documented his trials via video recordings of news coverage and daily debriefings by defense attorney Christie in the basement of Zündelhaus. Some of this can be glimpsed in my film, also titled "The Great Holocaust Trial."

Ernst's second trial, the huge transcript of which has been preserved and published by Barbara Kulaszka, documents the breadth and depth of his defense, which left virtually no stone unturned in doing justice to the revisionist cause and the defense of the German people.

Mr. Cole is a revisionist for the Millennial generation. His book will likely serve to reach new people who would otherwise be oblivious to the "other (revisionist)" side" of the chronicle of the Second World War. Nonetheless, I am old-fashioned enough to be distressed by the casual and sloppy manner in which Mr. Cole demeans men like Ernst Zündel and Prof. Faurisson, the latter having been the first revisionist to have been recognized by a head of state for his enormous scholarly achievement and who, even as an octogenarian, continues to inspire the radical avant- grade in France to high profile defiance and satire of the sacred relics that are at the heart of the religion of Holocaustianity.

Mr Cole will be a more effective writer and educator when he learns to moderate his frenzies and refrain from dalliances with the fringes of false witness. A bit more humility might have prevented him from misrepresenting, indeed even smearing, revisionists who have never recanted in the face of beatings, bombings and imprisonments which far surpass anything the Republican Party Animal has endured.

Written by Widmann in: [Uncategorized](#) | Tags: [Michael Hoffman](#)

<http://revblog.codoh.com/2014/09/hoffman-on-republican-party-animal-review/>

I liked Michael Hoffman's frankness in celebrating his own book wherein he captures the significance of Zündel's legal pioneering work. Few individuals realize how important the Revisionist legal battle is and that it is actually the legal framework that sanctions points-of-view, which in turn rest on scientific evidence. And

if we recall Galileo's contribution to astronomy, and we fail to note his conflict with the Catholic Church – and then even fail to mention the fate that befell Giordano Bruno – then we are only telling half the story as to what a struggle it is to bring forth the truth of a contentious matter. After all, it is this realization that

enables Revisionists to endure legal persecution because they know that they cannot recant because they have done only told the truth of a matter – and truth-telling is a moral virtue. But Cole, et al, wouldn't understand that because their hedonistic-nihilistic sense gratification drives them senseless like headless chooks.

Hoffman effectively demolishes the hatchet job Cole attempted to do on Faurisson, Leuchter and Zündel, and I am all the more worried as to why Cole did it and still fall back on his 1993-94 meeting with the Rabbi. Writing some belittling comments about an eminent octogenarian Revisionist scholar, such as Faurisson, is a reflection of Cole's ugly and uncivilized mindset.

I need not repeat my view on Cole's attitude towards women, which left me astounded as to how degenerate anyone can become when it comes to the most intimate acts of a relationships – or must I accept the fact that this is what, in Hoffman's words, "a revisionist for the Millennial generation" is all about? Eisen, through his glowing endorsement, and Smith in actual fact, gloss over such fundamental matters and remain silent.

It is through omission that they are both committing an unpardonable lapse of judgment about David Cole's inherent fraudulent/dishonest nature.

Perhaps my review of Cole's book is of interest – at: <http://www.adelaideinstitute.org/newsletters/Newsletter%20786.pdf>.

Why does the publisher's review of Cole's book not help to clarify this point? It is this fact alone, but there are many others, that discredit Paul Eisen stating Chip Smith 's article is a **beautifully balanced review** – and now I worry about Paul Eisen's judgment on such matters.

No-one has as yet addressed the significance of Cole not presenting any evidence about his suffering an alleged physical assault, which led to his recanting, and to his playing the so-called both-sides-card of the Holocaust Revisionist argument!

Recently a prominent Holocaust Revisionist stated to me he did not regard Cole to be a Holocaust Revisionist, and when initially still claiming in his book friendship with Bradley Smith, then Cole turning on Bradley Smith, is enough of an indication for me to see Cole running true to form!

I would have thought most Revisionists are more serious and that it is not a mere game because the truth of the matter does matter!

In time I can see historians do what Cole attempted to do when writing about matters Holocaust – eliminate the non-Jewish researchers and focus on the Jewish Revisionists.

Where this leads to is perhaps indirectly alluded to in Harrell Rhome's *TBR* article: *Reopening the Case of Mary Phagan And Why This Child Still Matters Today* - http://www.barnesreview.org/the-barnes-review-mayjune-2014-the-comet-that-killed-the-bronze-age-p-642.html?cPath=22_121

Angela Merkel: Fighting anti-Semitism is German duty

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AFP

Angela Merkel described the 100,000 Jews living in Germany as a "national treasure"

Fighting anti-Semitism is every German's duty, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has told a rally in Berlin.

The protest against anti-Semitism comes 75 years since the start of World War Two, in which six million Jews were killed by Nazi Germany.

With attacks on Jews increasing, the message to Germany and the world is "tolerance", Mrs Merkel said.

The surge in anti-Semitism follows the summer's conflict in Gaza.

The rally at the Brandenburg Gate - under the banner "Stand Up: Jew Hatred - Never Again!" - coincided with a World Jewish Congress (WJC) meeting in the capital.

On stage, Chancellor Merkel began her speech saying the 100,000 Jews living in Germany were a "national treasure".

"Jewish friends, neighbours and colleagues, consider yourselves at home here," she told the crowd, put at up to 5,000 people.

However, because of the sharp rise in anti-Semitic attacks, she said there was "not a single Jewish institution" in the country that does not require police protection in the current climate, and it was "every German's duty" to take a stand.

"The legitimate criticism of the political actions of a government - be it ours or of the state of Israel - is fine. But if it is only used as a cloak for one's hatred against other

people, hatred for Jewish people, then it is a misuse of our basic rights of freedom of opinion and assembly."



Pro-Palestinian protesters were reported to have shouted anti-Semitic slogans during rallies in July

At the scene: Jenny Hill, BBC correspondent in Berlin

Blue and white blue banners balloons and flags fluttered under grey skies at the Brandenburg gate. Among the thousands of people in the crowd we met a little boy called Orfeo. He's nine. Already another child at his school has told him he'd kill him because he's a Jew. No wonder, perhaps, there are such strong feelings here. Police kept a close eye on a handful of pro-Palestinian protesters. It's difficult to gauge the effect of recent events in Gaza. Community leaders here say they have partially contributed to a rise in attacks on Jews in Germany. But what concerns

them most, they say, is their sense that anti-semitism has become socially acceptable.



Pro-Israel demonstrators took to the streets in July as well, facing up to pro-Palestinians in Berlin

During the height of Israel's bombardment of Gaza in July, Germany's Jewish community condemned an "explosion of evil and violent hatred of Jews" at pro-Palestinian rallies. Some demonstrators were reported to have shouted slogans saying "Zionists are fascists, killing children and civilians" and yelled that Jews should be "gassed".

Last week, a swastika and the words "Jews" and the Nazi slogan "Sieg Heil" were spray-painted on to a local newspaper building in the eastern city of Cottbus.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-29195685>

Obama Buggers Europe: Sanctions Deepen the Recession

James Petras jpetras@binghamton.edu, 24 August 2014

Introduction

The Obama Administration actively pressured Europe to impose harsh sanctions on Russia in order to defend the violent takeover ('regime change') in the Ukraine. England, France, Germany and the rest of the European regimes gave in to Washington's demands. Russia responded by imposing reciprocal sanctions, especially on agriculture goods, and is establishing alternative trading partners and increasing trade with China, Iran, Latin America and Africa.

The sanctions policies occur at a time when Europe's economies are in deep economic crisis, exacerbating long-term stagnation and chronic recession. This paper will identify and analyze the crisis and how US-led sanctions policy is fracturing the European Union. Secondly, we will analyze how Washington's militarist imperial policies undermine Europe economically and destabilize the rest of the world militarily. Thirdly, we will discuss how the European leaders are prodded by Washington, to put it crudely, through an aggressive 'buggering process', to surrender their economic sovereignty and how capitulation to the US project in the Ukraine will lead to their long-term decline and decay. Finally, we will discuss the long-term perspectives for a re-aligned world economy where military conflicts can result in large-scale changes.

From Stagnation to Recession from Sanctions to Depression Across Europe, without exception, recession stalks the economies. The dominant countries, Germany, France and Italy are mired in recession, acutely exacerbated by the sanctions against Russia dictated from Washington. From Nordic Finland, passing through the Baltic States to Central and Southern Europe, the Eurozone 'recovery' is 'kaput!'. The 'triple whammy' of capitalist disinvestment, economic sanctions and wars has provoked a deepening economic crisis.

Germany: Regime 'Lick-Spitte' Scare Industry and Financial Sectors

The German financial market's confidence is collapsing as a result of Chancellor Merkel's support for economic sanctions against Russia and President Putin's reciprocal response.

Several hundred thousand German industrial jobs are at risk; imports of Russian oil and gas are in danger; large-scale, long-term German investments and lucrative export markets are at stake. These fears and uncertainties have led to declining investment and an unprecedented negative growth of 0.2% in the German economy in the second quarter of 2014. The recession in Germany ripples throughout Europe – especially affecting Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Southern Europe.

Merkel's servile capitulation to the US President's command to sanction one of Germany's major trade partners, Russia, may seriously harm its economic future. Germany's industrial exports to Russia amount to 36 billion Euros; there are 20 billion Euros in annual investments; and over 400,000 German workers are employed in companies exporting to Russia . . . Joe Kaeser, CEO of Siemens, pointedly argued that "political tensions posed serious risks for Europe's growth this year and next". Sales in some sectors are down 15% since June 2014. Germany's economy was already facing stagnation even before the coup in Kiev . . . but machinery exporters are especially concerned about losing the Russian market because other markets have declined. For example, German sales to Brazil are down nearly 20%.

In addition, German farmers suffer: Export of German meat and meat products to Russia amount to 276 million Euros or 21% of their non-EU exports. German dairy farmers earned \$160 million Euros from trade with Russia, 14% of total exports to non-EU countries.

Merkel knowingly sacrificed German industry, agriculture and employment by submitting to Obama's policy of 'buggering his European allies'. On the other hand, Obama's sanctions against Russia have virtually no impact on US economic interests. Only the Europeans will feel the pinch. Merkel's support for the US-NATO coup in Kiev and the ongoing military assault against the anti-coup democrats in Eastern Ukraine is leading to a revival of the Cold War confrontational policies toward Russia, and has alienated the majority of German producers and exporters as well as the German public.

Italy:

Capitalist Crises and Sanctions

Italy is stuck in a half decade of profound recession continuing throughout 2014. Its GDP fell by 0.2% in the second quarter, bringing the GDP below the level in the year 2000! The sanctions against Russia have cost Italy over \$1 billion in lost exports, hitting Northern Italy most acutely and provoking the ire of the conservative Northern League. Big Italian energy companies, with major investments in Russia, face even bigger losses. Italian farmers, from Tuscany to Sicily, are experiencing major losses in agricultural exports. In other words, with sanctions Italy's chronic sick economy has lost any chance for recovery and will likely pass from recession into depression.

France:

From Zero Growth to Recession

France has entered a period of perpetual regression: Unemployment exceeds 11%, underemployment and 'make work' exceeds 20% . . . GDP hovers at recession levels, between zero and 0.5% . . . Austerity, involving large-scale cuts in social programs and tax write-offs for business, has eroded consumer spending without increasing capitalist investment. And Obama's sanctions against Russia will further damage French exporters, especially its agricultural sector and weapons manufacturers. And 'Hyper-Militarist-Socialist' President Hollande has exacerbated France's balance of payments and budget problems by sending the air force and ground troops to intervene on three continents. This has caused over 82% of French voters to choose alternative parties, propelling the nationalist right party, National Front, to the lead.

The 'Backside of Europe':

Spain, Greece and Portugal

Deeply buried in a near decade-long depression with unemployment ranging from 26% in Greece and Spain to 16% in Portugal, Russia's reciprocal sanctions against agricultural exports has hit their agro-export sectors most severely, causing mountains of grapes, tomatoes and other perishables to rot in the fields. Tons of Southern Europe's produce will end up as compost. Tens of thousands of farmers face even greater problems and more will be forced into bankruptcy because of Washington's dictates.

Spanish farmers stand to lose 158 million Euros from the sanctions against their fresh fruit and nuts, or 22% of their total exports to non-EU countries; Greek farmers will lose 107 million Euros, 41% of exports to non-EU countries. Spanish meat exporters will lose 111 million Euros or 13% of their non-EU markets.

The European Union, for its part, offers meager relief – expecting thousands of hard-pressed farmers to submit to Obama's demands. In the meantime, as Russia establishes alternative markets in Latin America, the EU has sent its emissaries overseas to beg the Latin American governments to reject multi-billion dollar agro-business deals with Russia and comply with the US-EU sanctions. So far, every country in Latin America has rejected the EU's 'charm' offensive. Ecuadorean President Correa heaped scorn on the EU: "We do not have to ask anyone's permission to export to friendly nations. As far as I know, Latin America is not part of the European Union". Egypt and Turkey are stepping in to replace the farmers of Europe and the US by exporting their agricultural produce to Russia.

Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland, Finland, Lithuania, Denmark and the Netherlands

Hungary's President Viktor Orban rages at the sanctions and threatens to break ranks, as Budapest tallies up its losses in exports, and the threat to its energy-dependent country. Bulgaria's compliant President caved into Brussels' pressure and reneged on a \$40 billion dollar pipeline deal signed between Russia and local Bulgarian business leaders precipitating a major banking crisis and the collapse of its second largest bank – Corbank. The deposits of hundreds of thousands of Bulgarians were frozen or just disappeared.

When Brussels buggers the Bulgarians, they bankrupt their own banks.

Finland, once the poster-child of the 'Third Way' ideologues, is in a long-term depression. Its economy has shrunk for the past 4 consecutive years and even regime optimists estimate that they will need 10 years to recover. Finnish Prime Minister, Alex Stubbs, a free market ideologue, is a staunch supporter of sanctions against Russia although these will drastically cut into agricultural exports (dairy goods, meat, fish, etc.). Stubbs defends his catastrophic capitulation to NATO's power grab in the Kiev by proclaiming that "*our principles (sic) are not for sale; we believe in international institutions; we believe in the rule of law*". Finland, under its 'law-abiding' President, will lose at least 253 million Euros this year or 68% of its exports to non-EU countries. In other words this political marionette has sacrificed the welfare of hundreds of thousands of Finnish dairy farmers and growers to support a NATO-imposed regime in Kiev, which has been sending units of neo-Nazis to slaughter Ukrainian resistance fighters and civilians.

Poland's billion dollar agricultural export trade with Russia has collapsed, causing Warsaw to beg Washington and Brussels for emergency subsidies and pleading with the apple-exporting Americans to '*eat Polish apples*'. Polish fruit growers will lose 317 million Euros in sales or 61% of their exports to non-EU countries. Their meat exporters will lose 162 million Euros, 20% of its trade with non-EU countries. Dairy farmers will lose 142 million Euros, 32% of exports to non-EU countries.

The Poles, who at every turn have assumed the most reactionary Russophobic posture and were deeply implicated in organizing and training the neo-fascist gangs which overthrew the elected Ukraine government, are now pushing carts down the streets of Warsaw peddling apples and sausages, instead of stocking the supermarket shelves of Russia – and whining that New Yorkers should forsake Upstate apples to take up the slack!

Lithuania will lose 308 million Euros in fresh fruit exports to Russia or 81% of their exports to non-EU countries; dairy farmers will lose 161 million Euros in sales or 74% of non-EU exports. Denmark and Holland will lose over 800 million Euros in agro-exports to Russia –deepening their recession.

Conclusion

While the ever-persuasive con-man in Washington, President Obama has buggered EU leaders into pushing their own economies even deeper into recession, so he can launch a new Cold War with Russia, the US plunges deeper into military confrontations in Iraq, Ukraine and Syria. Obama appears to have lost control over military aid programs in the chaos: Netanyahu's Zionist allies in Congress managed to by-pass the White House and State Department and approve additional shipments of Pentagon arms to Israel, undercutting any administration leverage over the ongoing Israeli genocide in Gaza.

Japan joins the US-EU sanctions against Russia exacerbating its own economic crisis: In 2014 Japan experienced its worst contraction since 2009, with a 7.1% drop in the second quarter. The increasingly unpopular, Japanese Prime Minister Abe is committed to a military build-up. More Japanese politicians visit Yasukuni Shrine, the militarist temple honoring its war criminals, re-awakening the horrific memories of Imperial Japan's victims. There are increasingly bellicose Japanese confrontations with China over disputed piles of rock in the South China Sea . . . As Obama's military pivot to Asia increases, so Japan's economy sinks.

No European country can benefit from embracing the failed regime in Kiev. . . Ukraine's currency is in free-fall – ranking below soiled toilet paper. Its major industries, totally dependent on trade with Russia, are bankrupt or have been bombed by the NATO-putsch regime in Kiev. Its agricultural exports are devastated. Meanwhile Ukrainian families are advised to chop their own wood or dig their own coal in anticipation of a winter totally cut off from Russian gas because the oligarchs in Kiev have been unable or unwilling

to pay the huge energy debt. . For their staunch support of this bankrupt regime, ruled by a 'Billionaire Oligarch' in Kiev, for upholding the 'principles' so lauded by Finnish President Stubbs, one million European farmers will bury their own apples, pour their own milk in the streets and dump their grapes, oranges and tomatoes in rotting heaps. . And this is so their leaders, Obama, Cameron, Merkel and Hollande can uphold their real 'principles' of territorial expansion, extend their military operations to the borders with Russia and posture as warriors while destroying their countries productive economies, bankrupting their farmers and manufacturers, driving millions more into unemployment and deepening the pains of recession.

Ukraine will join a growing list of countries, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia and Yemen, that Washington and NATO have "saved" (to paraphrase an American general) . . . by being destroyed.

Once again the US military-driven empire-building policy trumps economic development: Destructive wars and sanctions destroy viable markets and impoverish entire sectors of the economy. Imposing sanctions abroad invites retaliation - the boomerang effect cripples domestic producers. As world trade and investment shrink, internal stagnation becomes endemic, recessions deepen and

recovery becomes a distant chimera. The financial press, the Wall Street Journal and The Financial Times, which have become megaphones for the western warlords, no longer publish paeans to the free market but unleash vitriolic screeds crying for war and sanctions..... which close markets and destroy investor confidence.

Bugged by Obama, European bootlickers bankrupt their own economies and then pass around the begging cup.

Italy faces the reality of a decade of stagnation.

Portugal's economy crashes and crawls.

Germany's manufacturing machinery grinds to a halt.

Finland's 'principled' brown-nosing boomerangs.

England is converted into a money-laundering bankers' city-state where one-third of its children live in poverty.

Poland consumes itself, drunk with weapons and rotting apples. In a word, by submitting to Washington's doctrine of permanent wars, Europe eschews the onlyroad out of permanent crisis: peaceful co-existence. The mega-buggers in Washington and the bootlickers in Europe have chosen sanctions over trade and destruction over prosperity. They are paying a price: domestic unrest, displacement from markets by emerging economies and the ascendancy of chaos as a way of life in Western Europe.

Undercover Israeli Playwright Exposes Palestinian Holocaust Denial, Rank Jew-Hatred, Anti-Israel Agenda (VIDEO)

AUGUST 31, 2014 4:30 PM [27 COMMENTS](#)

Posing as a German investigative reporter named 'Toby' during a trek through Palestinian Authority areas, a noted playwright and polymath author told Israel's Channel 2 News that he's exposed a toxic brew of Jew hatred in Palestinian society, masquerading behind purported human-rights activities.



**Palestinian Rioters in El-Arrub on May 15, 2011.
Photo: Israel Defense Forces.**

The Tel Aviv-born Tuvia Tenenbom spent time with the various left-wing Israeli and foreign agitators in the West Bank and asked them to educate him about the plight of the "Palestinians," according to Prof. Seven Plaut, of the Faculty of Management at the University of Haifa, speaking with The Algemeiner.

Tenenbom "turned the results into a book, '[Catch the Jew](#),'" a "hilarious and at the same time highly revealing [account] of the sorts of propagandists operating to undermine Israel and provide disinformation to the media. A chapter of his new book is reprinted in this past weekend's Makor Rishon," newspaper, Plaut noted.

"Much of the chapter deals with Tenenbom's meetings and travels about the West Bank with Rabbi Arik Ascherman, head of the 'Rabbis for Human Rights,'" group, which Plaut characterized as "a far-leftist anti-Israel propaganda NGO."

In a parallel video report aired on Israel's Channel 2 News Friday evening on the book, Tenenbom said, "The Europeans aren't really familiar with the Middle East dispute and they do not investigate. They are coming out of every hole here. They don't want to help, but rather to catch the Jew doing something bad. It comes from hatred."

Translating from the report, noted pro-Israel blogger, Carl in Jerusalem, of [Israel Matzav](#), wrote, "From the beginning, 'Toby' joined a group of young Italians who learned about the dispute in Shechem (Nablus) and in Israel, with funding from the European Union. But the Israeli guide, Itamar Shapira - the brother of the pilot [Jonathan Shapira](#) who refused orders and became an extreme Leftist activist - presented himself to the group as a 'former Jew' and said harsh things against Israel.

"During a tour of Yad Vashem, Shapira chose to focus specifically on stories of the [massacre](#) at [Dir Yassin](#) [the [Jenin lie](#)] of the 1948 War of Independence. CiJ] and told the young Italians that it's necessary to impose boycotts and sanctions on Israel because 'we have to stop an additional Holocaust.' Shapira was [fired](#) in the past from Yad Vashem after he compared the Holocaust to the Naqba [the Palestinian characterization of the creation of the State of Israel as a catastrophe. CiJ], but today he leads private groups there.

"The Palestinian guide who accompanied the group was Ataf Abu Rob, a Palestinian journalist and investigator for [B'Tselem](#) who is responsible for several stories published by the [extreme Leftist Haaretz] journalist Gideon Levy. Abu Rob told 'Toby' that the Holocaust is 'a lie. I don't believe it.'

"The senior Fatah commander Jibril Rajoub also opened his door after he heard about the book that 'Toby' planned to publish and told him: 'Israel is racist and fascist, it will be isolated like South Africa.' Rajoub's close confidantes whispered to Tenenbom 'We are all

German, but the only problem is that we know that General Rommel did not succeed in coming here.' 'Tenenbom's book Catch the Jew will be published this week, and he will then not be accepted as a prodigal son in the Palestinian Authority once his cover is blown, the narrator of the video report said, summing up.

"In response, Yad Vashem said in a statement that, 'Yad Vashem is careful that the subject of the Holocaust will be presented in detachment from any political agenda. Itamar Shapira was employed in the past as a guide in Yad Vashem and was not careful about these norms, and therefore it was decided about five years ago to terminate him [[after he had worked there for three and a half years!](#) CiJ]. Today, we allow outside guides, but we are considering changing this policy."

For their part, B'Tselem said that they condemn "any expression of anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial. The matter will be clarified with the investigator with the full necessary seriousness." Journalist Gideon Levy added: "I traveled to the territories a number of times over the course of the years with Atef Abu Rob. I never conducted political discussions with him and I am not aware of his views. I very much hope that Holocaust denial is not one of them."

Watch the video report below:

36 COMMENTS

*[RuthClaire Weintraub](#), [September 1, 2014, 8:03 pm](#) I suppose you may have seen this already but I thought I'd share it in case you have not:
http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-news-and-politics/182608/islamophobiaantisemitism?utm_source=tablet_magazinelist&utm_campaign=1d428afe66Thursday_August_28_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c308bf8edb-1d428afe66-207107269

*[Fred Chalfin](#), [September 1, 2014, 6:33 pm](#)

The palestinians hate the JEWS? Duh.

*[Alana](#), [September 1, 2014, 10:26 am](#)

Sorry his doesn't have subtitles

*[Michael](#), [September 1, 2014, 10:02 am](#)

trai·tor noun \trā-tər\: a person who is not loyal to his or her own country, friends, etc. : a person who betrays a country or group of people by helping or supporting an enemy This is description of all those working with the arabs. This is NOT free speech - this is hate - these so called Jews are doing everything possible to harm Israelis.

Traitors should be dealt with accordingly.

It is mind boggling why Israel does not do so. It is time the government takes action against those who do harm to the Israeli citizens.

*[Ernie Lofthouse](#), [September 1, 2014, 6:25 am](#)

THE ARABS DURING WORLD WARII FOR THE MOST PART WALKED IN OCK STEP WITH THE NAZI REGIME. ARAFAT'S UNCLE SPENT MOST OF THE WAR IN BERLIN. THE ARABS HAVE OPENLY SAID THAT THE NAZI'S IN THE END DID NOT DO ENOUGH THEY DID NOT ERADICATE THE JEWISH PEOPLE. IN MOST ISLAMIC COUNTRIES THE NUMBER ONE BEST SELLER IS STILL MIEN KAMPF EVEN IN INDIA! THE ARAB HAS A BUILD IN HATRED OF ANYTHING JEWISH SINCE ISHMAEL AND GOD'S COVENANT REJECTING ISHMAEL AND ACCEPTING ISSAC, THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PAYING THE PRICE EVER SINCE. ALSO WHEN MOHAMMAND WAS FIRST CREATING HIS RELIGION HE ACCEPTED THE JEWIH PEOPLE AFTER THEY REJECT HIM AS A PROPHET THAT IS WHEN HE BEGAN TO SLAUGHTER BOTH JEWS AND CHRISTIANS AND ALSO ARABS WHO WOULD NOT BOW DOWN TO HIM. YOU CANNOT DEAL WITH A COBRA THEY KNOW ONLY ONE WAY TO STRIKE AND KILL! IF MY COUNTRY UNDER THIS PRO ARAB PRESIDENT WE HAVE DOES NOT CONFRONT ISIL IN IRAQ AND IRADICATES IT ISRAEL WILL

HAVE YET ANOTHER ENEMY TO FACE.I FEEL THAT WE ARE FACING AN EXPLOSION THAT WILL BE NUCLEAR IN IT'S TERRIBLENESS BECAUSE FOR CERTAIN ISIL WILL NOT HESITATE TO USE THESE TERRIBLE WEAPONS AND WITH PAKISTAN SLIDING TOWARD A RADICAL TAKEOVER THEY JUST MIGHT ACQUIRE THEM! WE ARE LIVING IN A VERY VOLATILE WORLD THAT IS SLOWLY SLIPPING TOWARD ANARCHY AND INSANITY WITH ISRAEL CAUGHT ONCE AGAIN IN THE MIDDLE. MY LORD AND SAVIOR ASK ME AS A BELIEVER TO PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM WHICH I FERVANTLY DO. THE PROPHET EZEKIEL SAID THAT ONCE THE ISRAELITES ARE BROUGHT BACK FROM THE DASPORIA THE MANY NATIONS THEY HAD BEEN DRIVEN. THAT THEY WOULD NEVER AGAIN BE DRIVEN OUT OF THEIR LAND. PEOPLE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT GOD MADE HIS COVENANT WITH ISSAC (the Jewish people)NOT ANY OTHER PEOPLES!

*[Kerry Berger](#), [September 1, 2014, 2:44 pm](#)

Long angry note in all CAPS. You must be a non-native of English as your spelling is also atrocious. A matter of correction for you. Arafat was not a relative of the Mufti of Jerusalem. He just did the Mufti's bidding and won respect from Husseini. The name of Hitler's book is Mein Kampf, NOT "Mien". You should take more time to edit your post and check your spelling before clicking the reply button. Other misspelt words, 1. diaspora (you wrote Dasporia)

Finally, our President is NOT a Muslim. He is a US Citizen born in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is a Christian. Stop with the trolling. We are not as dumb as you sound.

*[Fergal Concannon](#), [September 1, 2014, 6:50 pm](#)

What is this 'God' thing you shout about? Must be great to base your world view on a factually inaccurate piece of literature (by factually inaccurate I mean fictional, just to be clear).

*[Al Sheeber](#), [September 3, 2014, 12:24 am](#)

Take it easy-spare the readersthe large caps! Some can readregular typo-no need to take your anger on the visitors. Try Gingerpage, a free Israel App that corrects all typing errors it could improve your presentations!

*[chris](#), [September 3, 2014, 5:27 am](#)

tha is true bro the convenient is for the jew god c't change

*[Brian Lux](#), [September 1, 2014, 5:23 am](#)

Anti-Semitism is on the rise in the UK, fueled, in my opinion, by the rise in the Muslim population, and that one word factor...OIL. I believe the media is shackled by government interference to suppress the truth. So the police allow banners in the Jew-hating parades with 'Gas the Jews,' and 'Hitler was Right', but will remove anyone sporting and Israeli flag, no matter how peaceful. Why am I afraid to visit the USA with fear of arrest because of my hostility to a Muslim President who is less than friendly towards Israel? It's not just Palestinian area where Jew hatred is taught

*[Fergal Concannon](#), [September 1, 2014, 6:46 pm](#)

Semites are peoples who speak Semitic languages; the group includes Arabs, Aramaeans, Jews, and many Ethiopians. How can the term Anti-semitic mean anti-Jewish? I would appreciate some clarification on this as it makes no sense that one group can Hijack a word...

*[Set the record straight](#), [September 2, 2014, 3:55 pm](#)

What are you talking about? Do an internet search for "anti-semitic". The Anti Defamation League, dictionary websites, encyclopedia, etc. all define it as "hatred against Jews".

*[Rosanne Smithe](#), [September 3, 2014, 11:04 am](#)

The term "Anti-Semitism" was coined in Germany at the latter part of the 19th century. It replaced the less politically correct "Judenhasse" (jew hatred). The term relates to jews, and jews only. Nothing to do with Maltese, Ethiopians, Eritreans, arabs; nor anyone else.

Arabs and their lefty supporters have hijacked the term to confuse the uneducated.

*[Sarah Williams](#), [September 1, 2014, 4:22 am](#)

I am so surprised! (NOT!) Good job exposing their racism!

*[Miri am Rodriguez](#), [September 1, 2014, 4:02 am](#)

Shocking! But why am I not surprised??

***Richard Sherwin, September 1, 2014 , 2:58 am**

Good for him! and hopefully for us! tho i doubt those who should read it will read it or if they do, will do anything but continue lying about palestiniana and israel. As for Haaretz, less said the better.

***Rachel, September 1, 2014 , 2:44 am**

and with him all the lefties Israel haters!!!!

***NuritGn, September 1, 2014 , 2:16 am**

The "Israeli" tour guide, who lies and distorts history must be stripped off his "tour guide" credentials. Israel is surrounded by lies and distortion, wake up Israelis to what is eating your nationality alive.

***Al Sheeber, September 3, 2014 , 12:31 am**

He does not exactly lie, he lies 80% Indeed Kffar Yassin, a village near the road leading to Jerusalem was hit by the joint forces of the IDF, a unit made of former Irgun members, not accustomed to ground operations like clearing a village, went in, they had to go from one house to another -under fire, and plenty of hand grenades were used. This was no deliberate massacre, or ethnic cleansing, but the Left and the Arabs, like to use this one example from the entire war in which many Jews were massacred to illustrate how nasty Jewish soldiers can be.

The fact that the guide has to make use of the occasion of a visit to commemorate the slaughter of 6 million harmless citizens of Europe, during the war and connect it with the 1948 War for Independence, is sickening, but again, there is no dirty trick in the book that the Left will be ashamed to use, and for the Arab partners, what ever the left does, they will pile on 10 times more. Facts, truth, has nothing to do with it.

***Henry Tobias, September 1, 2014 , 2:11 am**

Even Gideon Levy can't think that Jews and Israelis are that stupid to believe the statement at the end of the article.

***Otto Schiff, September 1, 2014 , 1:19 am**

I have lived with anti-Semitism all my life.

I have come to the conclusion, that anti-Semites are a stupid bunch.

The whole system of anti-Semitism is based on lies. It is much easier to preach hate than love.

***Kris Kristian, September 1, 2014 , 12:30 am**

1 Is it possible to have that video played again, with English sub titles?

2. Why has Haaretz not be closed down, It is nothing more than a treasonous rag of used toilet paper

3.Why is Gideon Levy still allowed to be free.

He is a traitor.

If he would be an Arab living in, say, GaZa, he would have been executed ages ago.

Arrest Levy and throw the key away.

4. Why are there still Jews who live in Israel, and are against Israel?

Throw them out.Send them to Gaza.

***CONNIE PERWIEN, September 1, 2014 , 10:09 pm**

I am all for sending those Israeli Arab Lovers to live in Gaza!!!!

***Al Sheeber, September 3, 2014 , 12:37 am**

Haaertz has been in business since the late 30's, nothing changed, the readership declined, but they gained numerous e-readers from overseas, activists, NGO's, European diplomats, Antisemites, assorted haters of Israel, busy body academics, for them the electronic version of Haaretz with support from German investors, is the go to source. It is ironic, because the original publisher, Mr. Shocken, who was smart enough to flee the Nazis, arrived to Palestine, and opened a paper.

The German money is saving this daily from going under.

Life is full of ironies. His son is currently the publisher and he is like any good American lefty- a "Progressive", an entitled, elitist and a certified creep!

***Julian Clovelley, August 31, 2014 , 11:49 pm**

I find this article a little peculiar in that Tuvia Tenebaum seems to have been intent from the start on a particular outcome. If he would like to visit the Australian State of

Queensland right now he would be able to research the fact that there is a reasonably large group of people who think that Queensland is currently being visited by large numbers of extra-terrestrials in disc shaped craft.

Visit our Parliament House and he will find a majority of Government politicians who think that Climate Change Science is a lie, and that human activity is having no effect on global warming. Visit parts of America and he will find people who believe that G-d manifests himself in the ability to safely handle snakes.

The fact that some such believers die of snake bites – often after receiving large numbers of bites over the years, rarely convinces the (surviving) believers otherwise. Our Government, despite being barraged by pleas to properly examine the consensus of the world's main experts on Climate Change, still believes it is a hoax, and the flying saucer pictures continue to arrive – some displaying presentations of what look remarkably like flattened hamburgers painted with boot polish or stove paint

Is it so surprising that Mr Tenebaum can find people who believe the Holocaust is a fraud? People believe crazy things. There are Jews who believe they are a race and not a religion, that there are genetic differences between "Jewish communities" and the rest of the world, that justify a claim to land that only their "Race" has a historical right to – this despite the fact that there are people who were, and are, already there and whose own ancestry – even in the admission of David Ben Gurion – is the same, and goes back over two thousand years

There are people who believe an ancient Palestinian village's ruins – of likely Canaanite origin – is the ruins of King David's Palace. There are others who believe you can reasonably have a monocultural "democratic" state in a nation where there are two distinct languages, where there are a twenty percent major cultural minority and two major religions.

If a Palestinian playwright came "undercover" to Israel – what would he find? He would find people who speak about peace and continuing occupation and settlement in the same breath. He would find a University where a group of academics are set on creating a nationalist history, based on the Bible, that is so much at variance with historical reality that for the most part it is not a co-operative part of a united History Faculty. He would find settlers running an archaeological site in Jerusalem that without any real evidence they call "the City of David", and charge entry fees on that basis – with historical displays worthy, in their accuracy, of an American Creationist Museum

Hey – how about something real for a change – something simple that a famous American comedian said in the late nineteen sixties? His name was Murray Roman. Speaking of the riots in America at that time he said "Well since you can't beat people up and have them say "I love you" – what you have is them doing the wrong thing"

That's profound compared with Holocaust denial, snake handling, Climate Change denial, the fabrication of history, the invention of chosen races, claims that land one has invaded, occupied, and settled was really Terra Nullius – even though people were living in it. And then there is the invention of ancient kingdoms on the basis of a religious tract and mythology ancient even at the time, like Homer, it was committed to writing

Gaza, the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Israel's Palestinian Israeli minority – think of what's real "You can't beat people up and have them say "I love you" – It's likely to have them "doing the wrong thing" – like denying the Holocaust, and worse.

Five miles of shelving containing original documentation attest to the reality of the Holocaust – along with survivors and recorded memories and testimony

Hard to compete with that. But common sense tells you that Murray Roman got it right too. You want peace you got to stop beating people up – both sides – and get the hell out of each others back gardens.

Got it? The play's the thing...

*Beatrix, September 1, 2014 , 4:39 pm

Julian:

Your problem is you don't know the history or the peoples. Jews are about 3500 years old and Israel as been their home for about this long. Over the years this ancient land has been ruled by Jews, Pagans, Muslims and Christians. Two thousand years ago, Roman rulers changed Israel's name to Palestine. In 637 a marauding band of Arab Muslims reached Palestine (Israel) for the first time, but other Muslims have ruled Palestine (Israel), too. The last was the Ottoman Empire which governed Palestine (Israel) for over 600 years then lost Palestine to the English Empire when they lost WW1.

In 1948, the English had the UN divide the territory of Palestine between the Palestinian Jews and the Palestinian Arabs. The Palestinian Jews named their portion Israel. The Palestinian Arabs went to war losing their land to Jordan and Egypt. Israel won Gaza from Egypt and the West Bank from Jordan in an 1967 preemptive strike. She started building cities (settlements) in the 1990s after Egypt and Jordan rescinded all claims.

In the 1990s-2000, Israel offered the Arab Palestinians both the West Bank and Gaza in return for peace. The largest settlements that they want to keep take up about 5% of the West Bank and they offered the Arab Palestinians Israel land to compensate. (Israel removed all Jews and settlements from Gaza in 2005). This is what the peace talks have been about.

Muslims believe in WAQF—any land that's been under Muslim rule always belongs to the Muslims According to Muslim belief, all of Israel belongs to the Muslims. This is not part of the peace talks, but is part of the problem preventing the Arab Palestinians from accepting peace.

*Fredrick Toben, September 2, 2014 , 7:30 am

What a lot of hot air-sophistry this monologue contains. What is your point please, in point-form but no more than six.

*Renate Studenska, September 9, 2014 , 5:29 pm

With your reputation, Fredrick Toben, no amount of point form would be sufficient.

*Fredrick Toben, September 16, 2014 , 7:24 am

I can well imagine that.

*Al Sheeber, September 3, 2014 , 12:39 am

It is not only true, if you have been around ore than a few days in the region, you'd know that this outcome, is likely to emerge of done properly. they told him what they think, do you have a problem with the facts?

*steven, August 31, 2014 , 11:46 pm

Very likely, US & EU dollars are being used to promote & support this form of antisemitism. This qualifies as DOUBLE antisemitism since it is very likely practiced SIMULTANEOUSLY by the the EU & US and the Palestinians.

*Jack, August 31, 2014 , 10:18 pm

We need to get the book translated to English.

*richard sherman, August 31, 2014 , 10:17 pm

Dr Martin Luther King Jr in March 1968 presciently stated "When people criticize Zionists., they mean Jews. You're talking antisemitism" Clearly all these "left wing Jews" are just antisemites...Dr King would see right through the.

*josef funes, August 31, 2014 , 10:06 pm

es vergonoso, y peligrosa es acudir, se deberia actuar acorde a la situacion, para contrarrestarla eficientemente, antes que haga mas daño

REPLY

*BH in Iowa, August 31, 2014 , 7:36 pm

Peaceful Peace Partners of Peace indeed.

*Mickey Oberman, August 31, 2014 , 7:08 pm

I am sure this must be very interesting and well worth learning.

However, my Hebrew is, sadly, insufficient to understand anything.

How about English translations. Even printed captions.

Please.

Todah. Shalom,

Mickey Oberman

<http://www.algemeiner.com/2014/08/31/undercover-israeli-playwright-exposes-palestinian-holocaust-denial-rank-jew-hatred-anti-israel-agenda-video/>

From: Mark R. Elsis mark@lovearth.net
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All larger organisms, including ourselves, are living testimonies to the fact that destructive practices do not work in the long run. In the end, the aggressors always destroy themselves, making way for others who know how to cooperate and get along. Life is much less a competitive struggle for survival than a triumph of cooperation and creativity. – Fritjof Capra

to form the new synthesis. There is no life-death struggle when this occurs because it is, ideally, an act of LOVE that imbues and brings about the synthesis.

The Talmudic-Marxist dialectic has the opposites in a life-death struggle where only one survives. For example: man-woman = woman castrates the man and the product is the androgynous person – neither male nor female. And the rest we know through desperate attempts to eliminate human sexuality as such and fabricate a new asexual person.

Or think of the same-sex relationships that exist as a power-game where rationality reigns supreme, the Nietzschean will to power? But Nietzsche's own affliction of hedonistic inversion misunderstood the function of willpower – he gave in to his will rather than to structure it creatively. He tried to sublimate it by writing music – but his depth of passion was thwarted through rationality and so he could not reach the depth of passion that his former friend Richard Wagner reached, who set the dialectic between power and love. Hedonistic inversion cannot love but relies on a power play, often between the ignorant and the knowing. Love cannot flourish in such an environment because the soul is crushed in such a process by the will.

Best wishes. Fredrick Töben

THE WEST PUT ITSELF IN THE ISIS END-OF-TIMES GAME

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The Conventional Explanation

This can be found in the MSM or mainstream media, and

paints a picture of political leaders in the US and its European partners being so committed to the overthrow of Syria's

Bashr al-Assad regime that not enough notice went to where the arms supplied to the so-called "moderate opposition groups", like the Syrian Free Army, were really going. The anti-Assad forces were "porous", and in any case the most extreme jihadists received both funding and weapons supplies from Saudi Arabia and the other Arab Gulf states. But this was OK because these jihadis, western security "experts" said, were totally opposed to al-Qaeda. Also, the anti-Assad forces, of all kinds, were either supported or tolerated by the west simply because they were anti-Assad, and simply because Putin's Russia was pro-Assad.

The Syrian civil war starting in 2011 has, according to recent UN estimates, probably resulted in the death of 200 000 persons to date.

Further rationalizations for western support to a grisly civil war in Syria included unconvincing claims that the country could serve as a transit country for Qatari or Saudi natural gas exports to Europe, when or if a gasline was built, probably costing \$.40 billion and taking up to 10 years to build. Syria's own small and declining oil production was cited. Potential Syrian deep offshore gas resources were also occasionally touted. Other claims included the "strategic location" of Syria in the east Mediterranean sharing borders with Turkey and Iraq. As in the case of the 2011 Nato-led campaign to overthrow Libya's Gaddafi, there were even claims that Syria, like Libya "could become a major tourist venue". The country's archeological heritage was sometimes added as another reason to destroy al-Assad.

By late summer 2014 however, most of these rationalizations had disappeared from the MSM, as it shifted to finding, or rather inventing explanations for a direct standoff with Russia over Ukraine – which has major coal reserves and large undeveloped domestic gas resources, among other good things. Unfortunately, its economy has spiraled into deep red territory, for example reflected by the exchange rate for Ukraine's national money and estimates for its national debt. Ukraine is a basket case.

To date estimates for the human toll in Ukraine's civil war run at about 2000 dead and 600 000 refugees and displaced persons.

No Rational Basis for Doing Nothing

Few persons are convinced that any economic reasons exist for the west to actively foment terror war in Syria, or civil war in Ukraine. In both cases the simple and straight political desire to "face down Putin" is clear, but the ISIS threat already makes this rearview mirror. As we know, the Syrian terror war has now jumped the border into Iraq, and has massively spread like a cancer, the exact words used by president Obama this week. The Ukraine crisis is being maintained at "near fever pitch", but the fever is weakening, using various strategems and ruses ranging from the MH17 atrocity to the 'provocative' Russian truck convoy of relief aid, but it is clear the Ukraine is no gift to anybody..

The ISIS terror army or movement is much more threatening than the Ukraine civil war. ISIS or ISIL, described by US president Obama as "nihilist" as well as barbarian, includes fighters from failed Islamic insurrections inside Russia, for example in Chechnya and Dagestan, and other republics of the 23-republic Russian Federation. To date, there is no sign of the western leaderships wanting to draw on Russian experience and support fighting Islamic insurgency. At one and the same time the vastly challenging threat of the ISIS cancer across the wider Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region is being treated by western leaders on a "compartmentalized basis", still using national boundaries and territories as their reference. ISIS is only slowly coming to be recognized as a direct challenge to western civilization – which is how Russia has treated the Islamic insurgency, inside Russia, for more than 15 years. China's intransigent attitude to Islamic insurgency in China can also be cited. The potential for anti-Islamic insurgency cooperation between the west, Russia and China is large.

However, as UK journalist Patrick Cockburn says in his new book, "The Jihadis Return: ISIS and the New Sunni Uprising"

(OR Books) the ever-growing and fast increase in the strength and reach of jihadist organizations in Syria and Iraq, and across the MENA, was "generally unacknowledged until recently by politicians and media in the West". One reason, Cockburn says was that Western governments and their security forces only defined the jihadist threat as those forces directly controlled by al-Qaeda's "central command" or "core". This was the supposed main threat and seemed to be a declining force. Western security services could paint a picture of their success in their "war on terror", but this was totally unrelated to what was really happening on the ground or "in theatre".

Cockburn brands western leaders and their security services as frankly naïve and even obsessional, for example obsessed by the New York and Washington 9 / 11 events of 13 years ago. The security services believed that al-Qaeda and ISIS were opposed and even "actively fighting each other". Cockburn cites supposed "security experts" saying that they had been comforted in their false analysis by learning that "al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri criticized ISIS for its excessive violence and sectarianism". Cockburn dismisses that by citing a security expert who interviewed a large range of Syrian jihadi rebels not affiliated with al-Qaeda in southeast Turkey and northern Syria earlier in 2014, who said that "without exception they all expressed enthusiasm for the 9/11 attacks and hoped the same thing would happen in Europe as well as the USA."

Assassins' Creed

We can say that only since the barbaric decapitation of US journalist Jim Foley have the MSM and western political leaders begun to – belatedly – take any notice of the real threat. Obama now uses the term "nihilist" to talk about ISIS. His Secretary of Defense Hagel says ISIS is a threat to "all Americans and Europeans". Supposedly separate and distinctly national incidents and events such as Libya's transformation, in only 3 years, to a "fully fledged terrorist state" in fact a non-state, should have sounded the alarm bell long ago. Only belatedly has the reality of Iraq also becoming a "non-state" begun to be admitted, and the dangers of this start by understanding the vast stocks of weapons in Iraq, accumulated since the 2003 war, and from long before.

The dangers of weapons proliferation "in the wrong hands" has already been distanced by reality. Weapons are falling into the hands of anybody and everybody. To the extent that ISIS is structured or organized and not a "terrorist network" it can of course take a large share of the weapons, but this immediately triggers counterpart arming by – for example – Shia militia in Iraq. ISIS also can and does "lose weapons" including their resale. There is no firewall at all between "simple criminal" use of weapons for "simple criminal" ends, and their use for the pursuit of the Grand Caliphate. Organized crime runs hand in glove with so-called "Islamic fundamentalist" terror.

The often nonsensical, confused and usually duplicitous actions of Saudi Arabia are described by Cockburn as notably concerning KSA's so-called "Southern Front", imagined by prince Bandar bin Sultan, and since 2013 more or less abandoned. Supposedly, Jordan and Lebanon could be bolstered by jihadi fighters to oppose Bashr al-Assad, but these jihadis "would also oppose al-Qaeda". For starters, was Bashr al-Assad ever in the game of invading Jordan, if not Lebanon? No weapons would "fall out" of the Southern Front and the process would operate under gentlemanly terms of war conduct.

Dreaming Out Loud

Cockburn is far from the only analyst who "joins up the dots" and says what the ISIS "phenomenon" really means. Other writers including myself say that western political leaderships, and their MSM have sunk deeply into a pool of narcissism – which runs very well with Nihilism. Infatuated by the supposed global reach of their security services – still obsesses with 9 / 11 and al-Qaeda – they were unable to see tens of thousands of young males from dozens of countries, including the west, flocking to a macabre and degenerate "final struggle" vaguely against the west, and vaguely for the "pure doctrine" of a few

degenerate (and often Arab racist) Islamic philosophers stretching back to Ibn Hanbal about the year 850AD.

This "final struggle" is itself meaningless or devoid of reason. A large number of the ISIS "fighters for Islam" are simply Hoodlums on Holiday. After weapons and explosives training in the Middle East they can return home and improve their hoodlum businesses.

Simply the size of the phenomenon and its massive geographic reach should have alerted somebody, but western leaders and their security "experts" were out to lunch beside a nice little stream reflecting only their insights and deep thinking. Besides, their absurd (and dangerous) stand off with Putin over the Ukraine seemed so much more exciting!

Cockburn and others are right to charge the west with gross negligence, and Cockburn himself says that even by 2002 or 2003, over 10 years ago, al-Qaeda had been beaten or dismantled in Afghanistan and had mutated into "a rallying cry, a set of Islamic beliefs centering on the creation of an Islamic state and the imposition of sharia". The long list of other want-its included the subjugation of women and waging "holy war" against other Muslims, notably the Shia, and all communities in victim countries which will not "submit and convert".

In its gory heydays, called "the Bible, gin bottle and Maxim gun" period of western colonization in Africa, this event could be considered as barbaric as the ISIS plan, or non-plan, but at least this colonization brought some economic development. It was not pure and straight "lose-lose". Western intellectuals, today, are able to explain and not excuse western colonial barbarity – but western society moved on. ISIS wants to move back to an entirely imaginary "Grand Caliphate" that never existed. It is not an ideology or a doctrine. Mr Obama used the word "nihilism" and for once he was right.

Final Struggle for ISIS

ISIS has a non-plan. Probably, sooner or later, we will get "ISIS intellectuals" telling us about the plan but they will be unable to make even a flimsy cockleshell husk out of it – inside is pure Nihilism. Unfortunately perhaps, talking about nihilism always jumps to Friedrich Nietzsche and Martin Heidegger, Hitler's favorite philosophers. The real origins of nihilism may be surprising to some but will instantly join up the dots with ISIS.

Ivan Turgeniev's 1860s best-seller book in Russia, translated as "Fathers and Sons" concerned a Youth Revolt, a generational split in Russian society – very similar to the 1950s and 1960s US Beat Generation and the Hippy movement. Russian youth rejected everything their elders held near and dear, including their religion and morals. These morals disapproved of violence, so the youth revolt favored violence and only for that reason. Christian religion was favoured by the parents, so youth rejected it totally and sought what we call Gothic New Age today. Interestingly enough, the youth revolt even rejected Anarchy – it was too tidy and its meanings were too clear for them!

Nietzsche was certainly influenced by what was happening in Russia through about 1860-1870 but rightly called "The Punk Philosopher" by several commentators, Nietzsche deliberately set out to shock western society, firstly by saying "there is no such thing as society". Speaking recently on French radio about Nietzsche, a relatively well-known European philosopher said how he would deal with what "The Punk" claimed to say was no problem at all. When he died, the philosopher would go to Heaven, put on a false mustache, and be told by God to write down "God does exist!". Nietzsche was wrong, society does exist and in no way is obliged to "assassinate God".

The late-19th century Russian youth revolt soon petered out. It was nihilist. It constructed nothing. It denied everything. It preached random violence. This is ISIS!



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Iran leader's surgery: What the media coverage reveals

By Siavash Ardalan BBC Persian, 12 September 2014 Last updated at 14:23



When Iran's Supreme Leader went into hospital for prostate surgery this week, the authorities were remarkably open about it, giving a revealing insight into the political elite along the way.

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Sovereign debt for territory: A new global elite swap strategy

By Adrian Salbuchi, August 12, 2014 13:07

In recent decades, dozens of sovereign nations have fallen into ever-deepening trouble by becoming indebted with the "private megabank over-world" for amounts far, far in excess of what they can ever pay back.

Is this due to bankers' professional malpractice coupled with government mismanagement on a truly grand scale? Or are we seeing global power elite long-term planners slowly achieving their goals? It takes two to dance the tango. Recurrent sovereign debt crises reflect neither "over-lending mistakes" by bankers and investors, nor "innocence" on the part of successive governments in deeply indebted nations. Rather, it all ties in with a global model for domination driven by a system of perpetual national debt which I have called "The Shylock Model".

As with the tango which requires rhythm and bravado, Argentina is again dancing centre-stage to global mega-bankers' financial tunes after falling into a new "technical default". Not just because the country is unable to pay off its massive public debt by heeding the "rules of the game" as written and continuously re-vamped by global usurers, but now with added legal immorality and judicial indecency on the part of New York's Second District Manhattan Court presided by Judge Daniel Griesa.

Griesa has shown no qualms in putting US law at the service of immoral parasitic "bankers and investors" such as Paul Singer of the Elliott/NML Fund and Mark Brodsky of the Aurelius Fund.

The mainstream media inside and outside Argentina refer to these parasitic money "sloshers" as "vulture funds"; a conceptual mistake because one might then be led to believe that other funds and bankers - Goldman Sachs, HSBC, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase, Deutsche Bank, George Soros, Rothschild, Warburg - are not "vultures" when, in fact, the very foundations of today's global banking system lie on parasitic pro-vulture rules and laws coupled with an overpowering lack of moral values.

Sovereign debt

Sovereign debts are a major problem in just about every country in the world, including the US, UK and EU nations. So much so, those debts have become a Damocles' Swords threatening the livelihood of untold billions of workers around the world.

One often wonders why governments indebt themselves for so much more than they can ever hope to pay... Here, Western economists, bankers, traders, Ivy League academics and professors, Nobel laureates and the mainstream media have a quick and monolithic reply: because all nations need "investment and investors" if they wish to build highways, power plants, schools, airports, hospitals, raise armies, service infrastructures and a long list of et ceteras, economic and national activities are all about.

But more and more people are starting to ask a fundamental common-sense question: why should governments indebt themselves in hard currencies, decades into the future with global mega-bankers, when they could just as well finance these projects and needs far more safely by issuing the proper amounts of their own local sovereign currency instead?

Here is where all the above "experts" go berserk & ballistic, shouting back: "Issue currency? Are you crazy?? That's against the "rules & laws" of economics!!! Issuing national sovereign currency to finance the real economy's monetary needs leads to inflation and lost jobs and chaos and... (puts us nice mega-bankers out of a job...)!!." That's when they all gang-up into noisy "The sky is falling! The sky is falling!!" mode.

Then you ask them: What happens when countries default on their unpayable sovereign debts - as they invariably and repeatedly do - not just in Argentina, but in Brazil, Spain, Venezuela, France, Costa Rica, Peru, El Salvador, Portugal, Russia, Bolivia, Iceland, Turkey, Greece, Cyprus, Thailand, Nigeria, Mexico, and Indonesia?

Again the voice of the "experts": "Then countries must "restructure" their debts kicking them forwards 20, 40 or more years into the future, so that your great, great, great grandchildren can continue paying them". Oh, I see!

The truth is that countries need public spending to maintain their economies resilient and buoyant, their citizens working,

prospering and happy; their nation-states sovereign, strong and secure.

OK: happy, secure and working populations cannot be defined as a formula that can be readily integrated into "expert" economists' spreadsheets. However, there's a basic truth that should be obvious by now: Finance (which is the virtual world of bankers, investments, speculation and usury) should always be fully subordinated to the Real Economy (which is the world of work, production, buildings, milk & bread and services).

All this begs the obvious question: Since governments have a natural tendency to overspend and end up getting themselves into too much debt, which is the better option then:

- that their "red numbers" (aka sovereign debt) should be owed to themselves; their own nation-states (debt in local currency that in the last instance can be written off, even if a bad bout of inflation cannot be stopped, countries can always revamp their currencies as Argentina repeatedly did over the past forty years), whereby the whole "debt crisis" basically becomes a short-term internal affair (albeit painful!), or...

- to convert those "red numbers" into foreign currency debt (US Dollars or Euro) fully controlled by powerful far-away, well-organized creditor-technocrats and global mega-bankers sitting at the FED and IMF in Washington DC; the European Central Bank in Frankfurt; or perched in eager expectation in their Wall Street vulture nests? Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me

This tongue-twister, which famously proved too much for Baby Bush to muster, is a fitting description of how the hellish sovereign debt system really works in the long-term.

Argentina's recurrent defaults and debt restructuring go back many decades. For brevity's sake, let's just point to 1956 right after President Juan Domingo Perón was ousted by a very bloody 1955 US-UK (and mega-banker) sponsored military coup.

Perón was hated for his insistence on not indebting Argentina with the mega-bankers: in 1946 he rejected joining the International Monetary Fund (IMF); in 1953 he fully paid off all of Argentina's sovereign debt. So, once the mega-bankers got rid of him in 1956, they shoved Argentina into the IMF and created the "Paris Club" to engineer decades-worth of sovereign debt for vanquished Argentina, something they've been doing until today.

But each sovereign-debt crisis cycle became shorter, more virulent and more toxic.

By December 2001, Argentina had collapsed financially sinking into the largest sovereign debt default in history. Immediately, the IMF's deputy manager Anne Krueger proposed some "new and creative ideas" on what to do about Argentina.

She published them in 2002 in an article on the IMF's website: "Should Countries like Argentina be able to declare themselves bankrupt?", in which she said that "the lesson is clear: we need better incentives to bring debtors and creditors together before manageable problems turn into full-blown crises", adding that the IMF believes "this could be done by learning from corporate bankruptcy regimes like Chapter 11 in the US". She pointed this out as "a possible new approach", adding that "of course many practical and political obstacles to getting such an approach up and running" needed to be overcome, the "key features would need the force of law throughout the world", creating "a predictable (global) legal framework".

From the stance of global mega-bankers' geopolitical long-term planners, Ms Krueger's proposal consisted of first gradually driving countries into receivership, and then sequentially into full-fledged bankruptcy.

Then as if nations were private corporations like Enron or WorldCom - they could be broken up into as many "digestible" pieces as possible, to be gobbled up by international creditors in some global vulture-fest banquet.

These ideas were developed in greater detail in her IMF essay, "A New Approach to Debt Restructuring", and in a "Foreign Affairs" (mouthpiece of the powerful New York-Based Elite think-tank, Council on Foreign Relations) article published in July/August 2002 by Harvard professor Richard N Cooper: "Chapter 11 for Countries".

Here, Cooper very matter-of-factly recommends that "only if the debtor nation cannot restore its financial health are its assets liquidated and the proceeds distributed to its creditors – again under the guidance of a (global) court" (!).

During those turbulent years, the global press – Time and The New York Times, for example – even suggested that the immensely rich Patagonia southern region should secede from Argentina as a defaulted debt payment mechanism.

In June 2005, however, a new sovereign debt bond mega-swap was instrumented by Argentina's new president, Nestor Kirchner, and his Finance Minister Roberto Lavagna.

However, as Argentina became more and more structurally mired in debt, its sovereign debt crisis cycle grew shorter and shorter so that by 2010 a new debt crisis was in the books involving yet more debt reengineering, this time by President Cristina Kirchner and her Economy Minister (and today prosecuted Vice President) Amado Boudou.

But that too failed to hold for long, and today Singer's NML/Elliott Fund and Brodsky's Aurelius Fund have pushed Argentina again into default, this time with the legal backing of local Manhattan Federal Judge Griesa and the US Supreme Court.

The very fact that today the fate of Argentina's sovereign debt lies with the US Judiciary is an eloquent sign of things to come.

Don't kill the hen that lays golden eggs!

Surprisingly, Ms Krueger recently came out in "defense" of Argentina recommending Judge Griesa and his "Vulture Nest" boys should not act hastily killing off the Argentine hen that lays golden eggs.

In an article published July 2014, she warns that the "US Supreme Court's decision on Argentina adds a new wrinkle, and may very well further increase the risk attached to holding sovereign debt and this, to the cost of issuing it."

The specialized and mainstream media - Financial Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, The Economist - are also recommending Judge Griesa and his vulture chicks to show more restraint because in today's delicate post-2008 banking

system, a new and less controllable sovereign debt crisis could thwart the global elite's plans for an "orderly transition towards a new global legal architecture" that will allow orderly liquidation of financially-failed states like Argentina. Especially if such debt were to be collateralized by its national territory (what else is left!?)

Will yet another sovereign debt bond mega-swap be imposed upon Argentina, this time with large swathes of its national territory – especially Patagonia – being used as collateral guarantee?

That would mean that in a few years' time the Shylocks in Wall Street and London will do everything they can to yet again push Argentina into default, since that would pave the way for them to "legally" take over its territory cashing in on their collateral as "compensation".

Remember: usurer Shylock drooled at the mouth whilst sharpening his knife preparing to cut deep into Merchant Antonio's heart. He didn't give a damn about the 3000 ducats owed him: he just wanted the pound of flesh "legally" his.

Is this what the coming "Sovereign Debt Model" will look like? If we tie this all in with what the unfolding of "Act III" in the on-going Israel-Palestine crisis whereby re-settling millions of Israeli civilians into southern Argentina might be on the drawing board, we can then begin to understand how nicely Argentina's next debt crisis will tie in: The global Rothschild's, Warburg's, Lazard's, Soros, Rockefellers will be able to "legally" take over Patagonia, and then "legally" hand it over to whomever they wish without a single shot being fired!

If this is what's really happening behind-the-curtains regarding Argentina, does anybody believe it will stop there?

Beware Greece, Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Mexico, Korea, Japan, Ukraine, Brazil, South Africa – the world government is marching in!

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Cry for Argentina: Fiscal Mismanagement, Odious Debt or Pillage?

Colonization by Bankruptcy:

The High-stakes Chess Match for Argentina

By Ellen Brown, ellenhbrown@gmail.com, Thursday, 14 August 2014 09:59

Argentina has now taken the US to The Hague for blocking the country's 2005 settlement with the bulk of its creditors. The issue underscores the need for an international mechanism for nations to go bankrupt. Better yet would be a sustainable global monetary scheme that avoids the need for sovereign bankruptcy.

Argentina was the richest country in Latin America before decades of neoliberal and IMF-imposed economic policies drowned it in debt. A severe crisis in 2001 plunged it into the largest sovereign debt default in history. In 2005, it renegotiated its debt with most of its creditors at a 70% "haircut." But the opportunist "vulture funds," which had bought Argentine debt at distressed prices, held out for 100 cents on the dollar.

Paul Singer's Elliott Management has spent over a decade aggressively trying to force Argentina to pay down nearly \$1.3 billion in sovereign debt. Elliott would get about \$300 million for bonds that Argentina claims it picked up for \$48 million. Where most creditors have accepted payment at a 70% loss, Elliott Management would thus get a 600% return.

In June 2014, the US Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of a New York court's order blocking payment to the other creditors until the vulture funds had been paid. That action propelled Argentina into default for the second time in this century – and the eighth time since 1827. On August 7,

2014, Argentina asked the International Court of Justice in the Hague to take action against the United States over the dispute.

Who is at fault? The global financial press blames Argentina's own fiscal mismanagement, but Argentina maintains that it is willing and able to pay its other creditors. The fault lies rather with the vulture funds and the US court system, which insist on an extortionate payout even if it means jeopardizing the international resolution mechanism for insolvent countries. If creditors know that a few holdout vultures can trigger a default, they are unlikely to settle with other insolvent nations in the future.

Blame has also been laid at the feet of the IMF and the international banking system for failing to come up with a fair resolution mechanism for countries that go bankrupt. And at a more fundamental level, blame lies with a global debt-based monetary scheme that forces bankruptcy on some nations as a mathematical necessity. As in a game of musical chairs, some players must default.

Most money today comes into circulation in the form of bank credit or debt. Debt at interest always grows faster than the money supply, since more is always owed back than was created in the original loan. There is never enough money to go around without adding to the debt burden. As economist Michael Hudson points out, the debt overhang grows

exponentially until it becomes impossible to repay. The country is then forced to default.

Fiscal Mismanagement or Odious Debt?

Besides impossibility of performance, there is another defense Argentina could raise in international court – that of “odious debt.” Also known as illegitimate debt, this legal theory holds that national debt incurred by a regime for purposes that do not serve the best interests of the nation should not be enforceable.

The defense has been used successfully by a number of countries, including Ecuador in December 2008, when President Rafael Correa declared that its debt had been contracted by corrupt and despotic prior regimes. The odious-debt defense allowed Ecuador to reduce the sum owed by 70%.

In a compelling article in Global Research in November 2006, Adrian Salbuchi made a similar case for Argentina. He traced the country’s problems back to 1976, when its foreign debt was just under US \$6 billion and represented only a small portion of the country’s GDP. In that year:

An illegal and de facto military-civilian regime ousted the constitutionally elected government of president María Isabel Martínez de Perón [and] named as economy minister, José Martínez de Hoz, who had close ties with, and the respect of, powerful international private banking interests. With the Junta’s full backing, he systematically implemented a series of highly destructive, speculative, illegitimate – even illegal – economic and financial policies and legislation, which increased Public Debt almost eightfold to US\$ 46 billion in a few short years. This intimately tied-in to the interests of major international banking and oil circles which, at that time, needed to urgently re-cycle huge volumes of “Petrodollars” generated by the 1973 and 1979 Oil Crises. Those capital inflows were not invested in industrial production or infrastructure, but rather were used to fuel speculation in local financial markets by local and international banks and traders who were able to take advantage of very high local interest rates in Argentine Pesos tied to stable and unrealistic medium-term US Dollar exchange rates.

Salbuchi detailed Argentina’s fall from there into what became a \$200 billion debt trap. Large tranches of this debt, he maintained, were “odious debt” and should not have to be paid:

Making the Argentine State – i.e., the people of Argentina – weather the full brunt of this storm is tantamount to financial genocide and terrorism. . . . The people of Argentina are presently undergoing severe hardship with over 50% of the population submerged in poverty Basic universal law gives the Argentine people the right to legitimately defend their interests against the various multinational and supranational players which, abusing the huge power that they wield, directly and/or indirectly imposed complex actions and strategies leading to the Public Debt problem.

Of President Nestor Kirchner’s surprise 2006 payment of the full \$10 billion owed to the IMF, Salbuchi wrote cynically:

This key institution was instrumental in promoting and auditing the macroeconomic policies of the Argentine

Government for decades. . . . Many analysts consider that . . . the IMF was to Argentina what Arthur Andersen was to Enron, the difference being that Andersen was dissolved and closed down, whilst the IMF continues preaching its misconceived doctrines and exerts leverage. . . . [T]he IMF’s primary purpose is to exert political pressure on indebted governments, acting as a veritable coercing agency on behalf of major international banks.

Sovereign Bankruptcy and the “Global Economic Reset”

Needless to say, the IMF was not closed down. Rather, it has gone on to become the international regulator of sovereign debt, which has reached crisis levels globally. Total debt, public and private, has grown by over 40% since 2007, to \$100 trillion. The US national debt alone has grown from \$10 trillion in 2008 to over \$17.6 trillion today.

At the World Economic Forum in Davos in January 2014, IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde spoke of the need for a global economic “reset.” National debts have to be “reset” or “readjusted” periodically so that creditors can keep collecting on their exponentially growing interest claims, in a global financial scheme based on credit created privately by banks and lent at interest. More interest-bearing debt must continually be incurred, until debt overwhelms the system and it again needs to be reset to keep the usury game going.

Sovereign debt (or national) in particular needs periodic “resets,” because unlike for individuals and corporations, there is no legal mechanism for countries to go bankrupt. Individuals and corporations have assets that can be liquidated by a bankruptcy court and distributed equitably to creditors. But countries cannot be liquidated and sold off – except by IMF-style “structural readjustment,” which can force the sale of national assets at fire sale prices.

A Sovereign Debt Restructuring Mechanism (SDRM) was proposed by the IMF in the early 2000s, but it was quickly killed by Wall Street and the U.S. Treasury. The IMF is working on a new version of the SDRM, but critics say it could be more destabilizing than the earlier version.

Meanwhile, the IMF has backed collective action clauses (CACs) designed to allow a country to negotiate with most of its creditors in a way that generally brings all of them into the net. But CACs can be challenged, and that is what happened in the case of the latest Argentine bankruptcy. According to Harvard Professor Jeffrey Frankel: [T]he US court rulings’ indulgence of a parochial instinct to enforce written contracts will undermine the possibility of negotiated restructuring in future debt crises.

We are back, he says, to square one.

Better than redesigning the sovereign bankruptcy mechanism might be to redesign the global monetary scheme in a way that avoids the continual need for a bankruptcy mechanism. A government does not need to borrow its money supply from private banks that create it as credit on their books. A sovereign government can issue its own currency, debt-free. But that interesting topic must wait for a follow-up article. Stay tuned.

If Argentina were in a high-stakes chess match, the country’s actions this week would be the equivalent of flipping over all the pieces on the board.

By David Dayen, Fiscal Times, August 22, 2014

Argentina is playing hardball with the vulture funds, which have been trying to force it into an involuntary bankruptcy. The vultures are demanding what amounts to a 600% return on bonds bought for pennies on the dollar, defeating a 2005 settlement in which 92% of creditors agreed to accept a 70% haircut on their bonds. A US court has backed the vulture funds; but last week, Argentina sidestepped its jurisdiction by transferring the trustee for payment from Bank of New York Mellon to its own central bank. That play, if approved by the Argentine Congress, will allow the country to continue making

payments under its 2005 settlement, avoiding default on the majority of its bonds.

Argentina is already foreclosed from international capital markets, so it doesn’t have much to lose by thwarting the US court system. Similar bold moves by Ecuador and Iceland have left those countries in substantially better shape than Greece, which went along with the agendas of the international financiers.

The upside for Argentina was captured by President Fernandez in a nationwide speech on August 19th. Struggling to hold back tears, according to Bloomberg, she said:

When it comes to the sovereignty of our country and the conviction that we can no longer be extorted and that we can't become burdened with debt again, we are emerging as Argentines.

. . . If I signed what they're trying to make me sign, the bomb wouldn't explode now but rather there would surely be applause, marvelous headlines in the papers. But we would enter into the infernal cycle of debt which we've been subject to for so long.

The Endgame: Patagonia in the Crosshairs

The deeper implications of that infernal debt cycle were explored by Argentine political analyst Adrian Salbuchi in an August 12th article titled "Sovereign Debt for Territory: A New Global Elite Swap Strategy." Where territories were once captured by military might, he maintains that today they are being annexed by debt. The still-evolving plan is to drive destitute nations into an international bankruptcy court whose decisions would have the force of law throughout the world. The court could then do with whole countries what US bankruptcy courts do with businesses: sell off their assets, including their real estate. Sovereign territories could be acquired as the spoils of bankruptcy without a shot being fired. Global financiers and interlocking megacorporations are increasingly supplanting governments on the international stage. An international bankruptcy court would be one more institution making that takeover legally binding and enforceable. Governments can say no to the strong-arm tactics of the global bankers' collection agency, the IMF. An international bankruptcy court would allow creditors to force a nation into bankruptcy, where territories could be involuntarily sold off in the same way that assets of bankrupt corporations are.

For Argentina, says Salbuchi, the likely prize is its very rich Patagonia region, long a favorite settlement target for ex-pats. When Argentina suffered a massive default in 2001, the global press, including Time and The New York Times, went so far as to propose that Patagonia be ceded from the country as a defaulted debt payment mechanism.

The New York Times article followed one published in the Buenos Aires financial newspaper El Cronista Comercial called "Debt for Territory," which described a proposal by a US consultant to then-president Eduardo Duhalde for swapping public debt for government land. It said:

[T]he idea would be to transform our public debt default into direct equity investment in which creditors can become land owners where they can develop industrial, agricultural and real estate projects. . . . There could be surprising candidates for this idea: during the Alfonsin Administration, the Japanese studied an investment master plan in Argentine land in order to promote emigration. The proposal was also considered in Israel.

Salbuchi notes that ceding Patagonia from Argentina was first suggested in 1896 by Theodor Herzl, founder of the Zionist movement, as a second settlement for that movement.

Another article published in 2002 was one by IMF deputy manager Anne Krueger titled "Should Countries Like Argentina Be Able to Declare Themselves Bankrupt?" It was posted on the IMF website and proposed some "new and creative ideas" on what to do about Argentina. Krueger said, "the lesson is clear: we need better incentives to bring debtors and creditors together before manageable problems turn into full-blown crises," adding that the IMF believes "this could be done by learning from corporate bankruptcy regimes like Chapter 11 in the US".

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Here, Cooper very matter-of-factly recommends that "only if the debtor nation cannot restore its financial health are its assets liquidated and the proceeds distributed to its creditors – again under the guidance of a (global) court" (!).

In Argentina's recent tangle with the vulture funds, Ms. Krueger and the mainstream media have come out in apparent defense of Argentina, recommending restraint by the US court. But according to Salbuchi, this does not represent a change in policy. Rather, the concern is that overly heavy-handed treatment may kill the golden goose:

. . . [I]n today's delicate post-2008 banking system, a new and less controllable sovereign debt crisis could thwart the global elite's plans for an "orderly transition towards a new global legal architecture" that will allow orderly liquidation of financially-failed states like Argentina. Especially if such debt were to be collateralized by its national territory (what else is left!?)

Breaking Free from the Sovereign Debt Trap

Salbuchi traces Argentina's debt crisis back to 1955, when President Juan Domingo Perón was ousted in a very bloody US/UK/mega-bank-sponsored military coup:

Perón was hated for his insistence on not indebting Argentina with the mega-bankers: in 1946 he rejected joining the International Monetary Fund (IMF); in 1953 he fully paid off all of Argentina's sovereign debt. So, once the mega-bankers got rid of him in 1956, they shoved Argentina into the IMF and created the "Paris Club" to engineer decades-worth of sovereign debt for vanquished Argentina, something they've been doing until today.

Many countries have been subjected to similar treatment, as John Perkins documents in his blockbuster exposé Confessions of an Economic Hit Man. When the country cannot pay, the IMF sweeps in with refinancing agreements with strings attached, including selling off public assets and slashing public services in order to divert government revenues into foreign debt service.

Even without pressure from economic hit men, however, governments routinely indebt themselves for much more than they can ever hope to repay. Why do they do it? Salbuchi writes:

Here, Western economists, bankers, traders, Ivy League academics and professors, Nobel laureates and the mainstream media have a quick and monolithic reply: because all nations need "investment and investors" if they wish to build highways, power plants, schools, airports, hospitals, raise armies, service infrastructures and a long list of et ceteras . . . But more and more people are starting to ask a fundamental common-sense question: why should governments indebt themselves in hard currencies, decades into the future with global mega-bankers, when they could just as well finance these projects and needs far more safely by issuing the proper amounts of their own local sovereign currency instead?

Neoliberal experts shout back that government-created money devalues the currency, inflates the money supply, and destroys economies. But does it? Or is it the debt service on money created privately by banks, along with other forms of "rent" on capital, that create inflation and destroy economies? As Prof. Michael Hudson points out:

These financial claims on wealth – bonds, mortgages and bank loans – are lent out to become somebody else's debts in an exponentially expanding process. . . . [E]conomies have been obliged to pay their debts by cutting back new research, development and new physical reinvestment. This is the essence of IMF austerity plans, in which the currency is "stabilized" by further international borrowing on terms that destabilize the economy at large. Such cutbacks in long-term investment also are the product of corporate raids financed by high-interest junk bonds. The debts created by businesses, consumers and national economies cutting back their long-term direct investment leaves these entities even less able to carry their mounting debt burden.

Spiraling debt also results in price inflation, since businesses have to raise their prices to cover the interest and fees on the debt.

From Sovereign Debt to Monetary Sovereignty

For governments to escape this austerity trap, they need to spend not less but more money on the tangible capital formation that increases physical productivity. But where to get the investment money without getting sucked into the debt vortex? Where can Argentina get funding if the country is shut out of international capital markets?

The common-sense response, as Salbuchi observes, is for governments to issue the money they need directly. But "printing money" raises outcries that can be difficult to overcome politically. An alternative that can have virtually the same effect is for nations to borrow money issued by their own publicly-owned banks. Public banks generate credit just as private banks do; but unlike private lenders, they return interest and profits to the economy. Their mandate is to serve the public, and that is where their profits go. Funding through

their own government-issued currencies and publicly-owned banks has been successfully pursued by many countries historically, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Germany, China, Russia, Korea and Japan. (For more on this, see [The Public Bank Solution](#).)

Countries do need to be able to buy foreign products that they cannot acquire or produce domestically, and for that they need a form of currency or an international credit line that other nations will accept. But countries are increasingly breaking away from the oil- and weapons-backed US dollar as global reserve currency. To resolve the mutually-destructive currency wars will probably take a new Bretton Woods Accord. But that is another subject for a later article.

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